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GANDHI OPPOSED BY INDIANS.

NEW PARTY SAYS BRITISH RULE IS ESSENTIAL.

SANITY AT LAST.

SHIAHS PLEDGE SUPPORT OF THE VICEROY.

"Mahatma" Gandhi, who declared that the arrest of Patel, brother of the Speaker in the Assembly, was the "loss of his right arm," and whose civil disobedience campaign has not met with the wholehearted support he had expected, is now faced by another menace to his cause. The founders of a new party styling itself the Indian National Revolutionary Party have issued a manifesto, in which they declare that British rule is absolutely necessary until a complete removal of caste distinctions is made.

The Shiah community has also pledged its support of the British Government and dissociated itself from the civil disobedience campaign.

RIOTING AT HOWRAH.

Calcutta, Yesterday. Five Hindus were killed during rioting in Howrah Bridge District, where carters are offering passive resistance against the new rule preventing carters from taking out buffaloes during the hottest hours of the day. The police charged but failed to clear the streets, consequently they were forced to fire on the crowd. Three European Sergeants were injured by bricks.

A tense atmosphere prevails in the area, which is noted as a storm centre.

Poona, Yesterday. A threat to start a passive-resistance campaign against the Gandhi movement is contained in a manifesto issued by the founders of a new party known as the Indian National Anti-Revolutionary Party, headed by three well-known members of the "depressed classes" at Poona. The manifesto says that the Party regards British rule as ab-

solutely necessary until a complete removal of untouchability and the abolition of caste distinctions is made.

New Delhi, Yesterday. Replying to an address by the Shiah community, the Viceroy, alluding to the civil disobedience campaign, said it was a tragedy that men were constantly asked to believe that a political typhoon, uprooting and destroying the countryside, was necessary before the sun could shine and that the country could reach its rightful destiny only through the agency of convulsion. The Viceroy welcomed the assurance that the Shiahs stood for orderly progress towards self-government and dissociated themselves from civil disobedience.

Strikers Resume Work. Calcutta, Later. The large number of 20,000 strikers in the Titagarh area have resumed work. Most of the mills worked full hours to-day.—Reuter.

SIR W. PEEL. Plans for Reception in Kowloon.

AT CLUB DE RECREIO

The second meeting of representatives from Kowloon clubs and institutions in connection with a suggested public reception and address of welcome to the new Governor from the people of Kowloon, for which official sanction has been obtained, was held in St. Andrew's Church Hall, on Monday, when the provisional arrangements made at a meeting on March 24 were confirmed and an Executive Committee appointed.

The Rev. J. H. Johnston having been voted to the chair, an Executive Committee composed of the following, was appointed:—
Chairman:—The Rev. J. H. Johnston.
Vice-Chairman:—Mr. H. F. Un.
Hon. Secretary and Treasurer:—Mr. C. E. Terry.
Committee:—Messrs. L. d'Almeida, E. Cock, J. H. Hunt and Ho U-ming.

The Hon. Secretary having read a reply from the Club de Recreio intimating their willingness to place the Club at the disposal of the Committee for the function, and to co-operate in every possible way to ensure its success, it was unanimously agreed that the function take place on the grounds of this Club.

Guards of Honour.

Other provisional arrangements approved by the meeting were that the event should take place at 5.30 p.m. on May 9, tea being provided and a military band arranged for. Guards of Honour will be furnished by the Kowloon Girl Guides and Boy Scouts, and a suitable illuminated address presented.

Opportunity will be found for representatives of the various institutions and their lady friends to meet His Excellency, and arrangements will be made for a dance after the official ceremony.

It was agreed that the expenses should be met by the issue of tickets at 21/- each, obtainable from the various societies at the door, and the ladies' dress to be of the latest fashion, and to be worn with a white jacket which might be made of any material.

BIG ROBBERY. Jewellery Worth Over \$11,700 Stolen.

PUZZLING ASPECTS.

A burglary, which, it is believed, presents one or more puzzling aspects to the Yaumati Criminal Investigation Department, occurred in the early hours of this morning.

Lam Tat-chiu, a widow residing at 92, Parkes Street, made a report to the Police, in which it was stated that "some time between the hours of one and six this morning, a person or persons, unknown, gained entrance to the first floor, by means of an open door, between two rooms of the floor, which had apparently been left open."

Box Found on Street. However, a box containing jewellery and money to the total sum of \$11,745, including \$300 in cash, was stolen.

A visit made to the scene by Det-Insp. Fallon led to the discovery of the empty box in the street.

The stolen property includes many diamonds, pearls and jades, and among them there is a white gold appendage watch, bearing the King of Siam's photograph, valued at \$640, while another white gold wrist watch set with diamonds, with open plain face, is valued at \$1,800.

A gold bangle set with diamonds, worth \$300, and several other articles valued at \$300, \$640, \$600, \$500, \$1,640, respectively, are also included in the haul.

LOOTED BY BANDITS

Shanghai, Yesterday. Chilla, a town in Tibet, which was captured on March 28 by Tibetan bandits, was looted; a part of whom are now threatening the border of Szechwan, which the Provincial Government has sent reinforcements to deal with the matter at the same time in forming the Central Government.

SON DISOWNED. Steal His Father's Best Clothes.

FOND OF UNIFORM

Disowned by his father eight years ago, a young Chinese named Tong Fat (24), the son of Mr. Tong Fat-chun, a merchant living on the ground floor of 2, Fly Dragon Terrace, Taihung, was this morning charged before Mr. R. E. Lindell with the larceny of 21 pieces of clothing from his father's residence. He pleaded "not guilty."

Sergeant Armit, of Bay View Police Station, stated that the accused visited the house during his father's absence. The only people in the house were some female servants who knew that accused was the master's son, and, of course, did not dare to interfere with him. The accused searched two boxes in his father's room and, finding nothing of value in them, he proceeded to the kitchen where he got hold of a meat chopper. Returning with this he forced open a cupboard in the room.

Police Arrive in Time

Accused collected all his father's best clothes and packed them up in a bundle in a bed sheet, evidently intending to carry them away to pawn. In the meantime, however, one of the female servants had gone to the Police Station to report the matter, and he (the Sergeant) arrived at the house just as the accused was about to depart with the bundle of clothes.

He arrested him and then accused's father was communicated with. The latter decided to have his son charged, because, he said, this was not the first time that accused had stolen things from his house. However, the father would not prefer charges against accused with regard to his previous escapades.

The Father Blamed

Accused, in a statement in his own defence, blamed his father for his present position. He said that his father did not give him a good education to equip him for a life of usefulness. He was forced to leave school at the age of 16 years and go to Canton to learn aviation, in which he was not interested. Then, as he candidly admitted, when he developed into a good-for-nothing youth who was unable to get his own living because he did not know much of anything, his father turned him out and during the past eight years had consistently refused to help him in any way. Eventually he had to stoop to stealing because he had no means of subsistence. But, he stated with a certain amount of pride, he had stolen only from his father.

A Different Version

The father told a different story. His son, he said, had always been lazy at school and would not study, and at the early age of 13 or 14 he developed the habit of stealing from the house. At the age of 16 he decided that his son was a hopeless dunce who would never develop into a business man, so, in the hope that he might at least become a mechanic, he decided to send him to Canton to learn aviation under the tuition of his (the father's) own cousin who was an aviation official in Canton.

The boy stayed at the aviation school for only five months. Then, when the novelty of the occupation had worn off, he gave it up, preferring to return to his old lazy mode of existence. Although he would not try to qualify as an aviator, the accused loved the uniform very much. He wore the full dress uniform of an aviator and strutted about Canton to be admired by all. He also ran up a lot of bills in Canton which the father had to pay.

Teachers Here No Good

Eventually the father called the accused back from Canton and tried to get him to go back to school. Accused refused to go to school here in Hong Kong, saying that the

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"ANGLER" OF CLOTHES

A Chinese, who had a previous conviction for larceny in January, was at the Kowloon Police Court to-day charged with the theft of several pieces of clothing from a hut in Sheung Sha Po Village.

The accused was accused by a detective walking in the village with the clothing. On the way to the Police Station the accused admitted stealing the clothing, by means of a piece of wire which he used as a "fishing rod."

OUR EMPIRE GROWING

REASON OF MAWSON
EXPEDITION.

500 MILES ADDED.

BRITISH FLAG OVER ENDERBY LAND.

Adelaide, Yesterday. Sir Douglas Mawson, speaking at a dinner of the Antarctic Committee, said that one of the objects of the expedition was that the British flag should be raised on the coast of Enderby Land, near Mount Codrington. Documents had been left showing that this was done.

Sir Douglas Mawson said that the area was part of a length of about 500 miles of coast line, which was chartered by the expedition.

STOP PRESS

Washington, Yesterday. Mr. Green, President of the American Federation of Labour, told the Senate Committee enquiring into unemployment that the Government must provide for the unemployed or they would "have a revolution." They must choose between "better planning and the dole." Mr. Green estimated that 3,700,000 workers were unemployed in February.

New York, Yesterday. The British schooner Adam was seized off New Jersey on the allegation of carrying liquor valued at \$45,000.—Reuter's American Service.

Tokyo, To-day.

Although by no means enthusiastic the vernacular papers generally are, with the Government's instructions, to London as they consider they will facilitate the successful termination of the Conference, the importance of so doing being fully appreciated. A certain amount of apprehension, however, is voiced, lest national defence is impaired, or alternatively, Japan is forced to expand instead of reduce armaments if America completes three more eight-inch gun cruisers after 1936.—Reuter.

tion and added to British Possessions.—Reuter.

Earlier Cable. Scarred by Antarctic blizzards, Sir Douglas Mawson's expedition ship "Discovery" landed at Port Adelaide, and was greeted by a vast cheering crowd.

Sir Douglas Mawson, who was officially welcomed, said that much remains to be done, though, considering the weather, they had done a tremendous amount of work, and added several hundred miles of coastline.

They had achieved notable results through scientific investigations of the whaling areas; and found their aeroplanes most useful in their work.—Reuter.

FRESH, CLOUDY

To-day's weather report from the Royal Observatory states: The anti-cyclone is central over Hokkaido and extends southward to the lower Yangtze. A depression is situated to the north west of the Bonins.

Fresh to moderate monsoon will prevail along the south-east coast of China and over the north China Sea.

Forecast:—E. winds; fresh to moderate; cloudy generally.

Rainfall: to 10 a.m. to-day nil. Rainfall since January 1. 10.88 inches against an average of 6.36 inches.

Temperature and Humidity. The temperature and humidity at certain specified centres this morning at 6 o'clock were:—

	Temp.	Humid.
Hong Kong	65	58
Macao	64	58
Pratas Island	70	80
Manilla	77	85
Amoy	78	81
Swatow	87	85
Shanghai	85	84
Canton	86	85

SHANSI TO SUPPORT YEN HSI-SHAN

NORTHERN LEADER SAYS THEY
MUST TAKE OFFENSIVE

FENG YU-HSIANG ACTIVE

Shanghai, Monday.

On account of the tense situation, Yen Hsi-shan has promoted his officers, brigadier generals to divisional generals, and divisional generals to army commanders. The 3rd Concentration Army has been reorganized into 10 armies, each army to contain three divisions, with Generals Sun Cho, Yang Hsiao-ku, Li Ching-kuo, Li Seng-tat, Li Fuyang, Yang Xiu-fang, Kwan Fu-an, Chang Hui-chao, Feng Peng-tze and Fu Tso-yi as army commanders.

Unfair Insinuation

Yen Hsi-shan has issued telegraphic instructions to his subordinates, stating that hereafter all Shansi troops are to participate in the coming campaign. He calls attention to general comment that the Shansi troops are good only for the defensive, but unable to carry on the offensive. He therefore hopes that all his armies will strenuously strive to take the offensive this time, thus wiping out an unfair insinuation to the bravery of the Shansi troops.

Kuominchun Advance

Three Kuominchun divisions of infantry and cavalry arrived at Chengchow on March 30, to be followed by other troops advancing eastward. General Lu Chung-lin will direct operations at the front, while General Feng Yu-hsiang will remain in the rear to supervise the general movements of his forces.

Special Train For Yen

Peking, Monday.

Chief Staff Yang Yin-fu of the Defence Commissioner at Peking despatches on March 29 a special train consisting of 12 coaches to Shihchiang to await the arrival of Yen Hsi-shan.—Canton News Agency.

General Tang's Report

Canton, Yesterday. At the weekly memorial service held last Monday morning at the Provincial Government Office, at which Chairman Chan Ming-shu, Commissioner Hsu Sung-ching, Chief Justice Loh Man-chong, and a number of other officers were present, General Tang Yin-wah, Commissioner of the Reconstruction Department said in part as follows:

"With regard to the north-western situation, on which all the eyes of the country are fixed, the commingling of the An-Fu Clique, the Reorganists, the Western Hill, and Shansi Parties, with the hope of establishing a new government at Peking in opposition to the National regime renders the task a formidable, if not impossible one. With such men of varied shades of opinions and policies, mutual co-operation is impracticable.

General Han Fu-chu has already voiced his support to Nanking, and there is indication that the subordinates of Feng Yu-hsiang do not recognise the leadership of Yen Hsi-shan as they still call Feng their commander in chief.

Early Fall of Rebels

Thus it is not too much to predict the early fall of the rebels, when they come in contact with the Government forces. Relative to the Kwangsi campaign now in progress, detailed plans have been made to round up the remnants of the Ironsides. The 6th and 8th Army Routes are pushing forward towards the Di-River and Wailam. The extermination of the rebels will soon be effected, and the conclusion of the military activities in Kwangsi is an event of the not distant future."—Canton News Agency.

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KAYE DON FAILS TO BEAT RECORD

ATTEMPT NOW POSTPONED
INDEFINITELY.

ONLY 175 MILES AN HOUR

Dayton, Florida, Yesterday.

Kaye Don's racing car, Silver Bullet, covered a mile at 175 miles an hour and returned to the garage. Mr. Don said that he had gone faster he would have been hurt from the cockpit, because the track was so bumpy. He has now postponed further attempts on Silver Bullet.

DELEGATES DEPART

U.S. ADMIRALS LEAVE
CONFERENCE.

SECURITY PACT.

JAPANESE PARTY TO RETURN SHORTLY.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The Prime Minister, replying to Parliamentary questions to-day, made it clear that the British Government had no intention of entering into any commitments which went beyond the obligations resulting from the Covenant of the League of Nations and the Treaty of Locarno. He added that he might perhaps take this opportunity of saying that the French Government did not ask, and have never asked, that His Majesty's Government should add to the burden which already devolves on them as a result of these instruments.

This statement was of peculiar interest in view of the conversations which have been proceeding during the week-end between the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Arthur Henderson, and M. Briand, and in which efforts have been made with the collaboration of the British and French diplomatic and legal experts to devise a formula which, while not extending British commitments, would at the same time heighten France's sense of security in such a way as to enable her to scale down her naval armament requirements.

A further meeting of the two Foreign Secretaries took place to-day and they will meet again to-morrow. It is understood that a draft of at least one formula has been transmitted to Paris for the opinion of M. Tardieu and his colleagues and that fair hopes are entertained of an agreement upon the text.

Japanese Reply

Meanwhile, it is anticipated that the Japanese Government's reply to the proposals which were forwarded to them as a result of the negotiations between the American, Japanese and British delegations will be handed to the British and American delegations to-morrow, and that it is broadly of a favourable character.

Mr. Henderson to-day had an hour's conversation with Signor Grandi in addition to his meeting with M. Briand and the experts, the purpose being to keep the Italian Government au courant with the British and French discussions on the political side of the conference.

Senator Reid of the American delegation and Mr. A. V. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty, also had a meeting this evening with reference, it is assumed, to the Japanese Government's reply.

Still Hopeful

Although it is clear that much depends upon the successful issue of the British and French agreement on the formula, there was a distinct revival of the hope to-day that the conference, which apparently has a Three-Power agreement within its grasp, will yet succeed in achieving its original aim of producing one acceptable to all the five Powers.—British Wireless Service.

London, Yesterday.

It is learned in American conference quarters that the separate American arrangement with Japan is part of the general work for the Conference, which is working for a Five-Power pact and is going ahead in that direction. The projected departure of three American admirals and other technical officials only means that a large part of the technical work is completed.

In the House of Commons at question time Mr. Ramsey MacDonald said that the Government had no intention of entering into any commitment which would go beyond the obligations resulting from the League Covenant and the Locarno Treaty. Mr. MacDonald stated that the French Government had not asked and had never asked the British Government to add to the burdens already devolving on them as a result of these instruments.

Search for Formula. Mr. Henderson, M. Briand and their respective experts met in the afternoon and are continuing their search for a formula that will satisfy the French desire for security. The British desire no further commitments than the existing peace machinery.

The official British spokesman said that to-day the political conversations had been proceeding satisfactorily for the last 24 hours. In the language of the sickroom, "the patient had taken a turn for the better."

It was announced to-day that Rear-Admirals Moffet, Fringle, and Yarnell, the three American experts, will sail for Home on April 4, and that possibly a dozen other members of the delegation will accompany them. Orders have been given to dismantle on April 18 the House used by the Japanese headquarters in London.—Reuter.

Prospects Improved

London, Later. It is understood that as a result of the conversations between Mr. Henderson and M. Briand, the formula which was founded "as an assurance of the Japanese Government's desire for security" is now being considered.

KNOTTY LAWS. Local Government Sues Chinese in Pier Case.

WIND AN ANIMATE OBJECT

Interesting legal arguments were heard this morning at the Summary Court before his Honour the Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice J. R. Wood, in the case in which the Government, through the Attorney-General, sued the On Cheung Timber Yard for the recovery of \$658.25 in respect of damages done to the Government Pier near Tonnochy Road, Praya East Reclamation, on August 22, 1929, when a typhoon was blowing. The defendants were alleged to have improperly secured certain pieces of logs, which broke loose during the typhoon and damaged the pier by bumping against it.

Mr. L. R. Andrewes conducted the case for the Government, and the defendants were represented by Mr. F. C. E. Rendall.

The case was first heard on Monday last, then the defendants averred that they had done all they possibly could to land the logs a day previous to the typhoon. On the morning of the "blow" they tried to get a steam launch to tow the logs into the Causeway Bay Shelter, but no launches were available owing to the fast approaching typhoon. They then did the next best thing they could and that was to secure the logs by means of iron chain to the Praya wall.

Law and Facts

Legal arguments were heard from both sides this morning.

Mr. Rendall, for the defendants, reminded his Lordship that the case before him was one of law and facts. Evidence adduced by the plaintiff had only touched upon the damages sustained by the pier, and also as to what had happened a day previous. There was, however, no evidence to show that the pier was, in fact, damaged by the logs.

His Lordship: I am inclined to the belief that the damage was caused by the logs. It is common ground that there were at least six logs in close proximity to the pier both before and after the typhoon. I hold that the pier was damaged by the logs, but whether the logs were placed there negligently is a matter for the Government to prove and for you to disprove.

Continuing, Mr. Rendall quoted several authorities as to the legal definition of negligence. First of all it must be ascertained whether there was a duty on the defendants. In this, he would admit that there was a duty because, the defendants had used a place near the pier and they would have to make use of such a place as if the place had belonged to them.

The Injurious Agents

The other point in proving a negligent act was to take the whole surrounding circumstances into consideration. If the circumstances were such that the injurious agent was an inanimate object and that the defendants had had full control of it, negligence could then be easily proved. But if the injurious agent was an animate object, then it must be for the plaintiff to prove whether or not the defendants had full control of it.

In the case before the Court, defendants had given evidence to the effect that they had given instructions to their folk to do the best thing they could, and the best was, in fact, done. After the logs had been properly secured, the wind increased to such a velocity that it was blowing over 100 miles per hour.

Horse and Wind

To quote a parallel case, Mr. Rendall referred to a case of a man riding a horse at a walk. The animal shied, and, although he did all he could, the horse ran into the pavement and killed a man. In the trial which followed, the man was found "not guilty" because the jury could not hold him to have ridden his horse in a negligent manner. (Continued on Page 7.)

to Paris last night for the consideration of the French Government. The Daily Herald says that Italy is now prepared to abandon her claim of "parity," and the prospects of a Five Power pact have improved considerably.—Reuter.

Tokyo, Yesterday.

Vernacular newspaper comment indicated general approval of the reported decision to agree to the American proposals with reservations.

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Kowloon Quarry No. 4	Ma Tau Kok	1.27	\$1,000	\$100
Kowloon Quarry No. 5	Hok On	.45	\$100	\$100
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HAROLD T. CREASY,
Director of Public Works.

28th March, 1930.

SPORT NOTICES

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Members are notified that they and their ladies must wear their badges prominently displayed. No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure.

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- (1) To appoint a Reception Committee.
- (2) To decide on the mode and place of the Reception.
- (3) To decide how the cost of the Reception should be met.
- (4) To discuss matters generally in connection with such Reception.

Dated 28th March, 1930.
H. E. POLLOCK,
Senior Unofficial Member.

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OIL MERGER.

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The facts as to the situation have, as has been the custom in important transactions in the past, been submitted to the Government.

Both companies were former subsidiaries of the Standard Oil Company (New Jersey). The question was raised whether the decree entered in 1911 in the so-called "Standard Oil dissolution suit," by which the control of the Standard Oil Company (New Jersey) over its subsidiaries was terminated, might forbid this transaction between two of such former subsidiaries. The Government took the position that the questions involved should be passed upon by the Courts.

Conforms With Law.

Counsel for the companies have given their opinion that the merger is in conformity with the law. As to the permissibility of a union of two former subsidiaries of the Standard Oil Company (New Jersey) counsel have advised that this question was raised before the Supreme Court of the United States in the dissolution case and that that Court held that after the subsidiaries had been freed from the control of the Standard Oil Company (New Jersey) they would be entitled to pursue any course of conduct lawful for anyone else.

There being no available method for asking the Courts for an advisory expression as to the specific situation now arising, the only way to secure a ruling was for the companies to proceed and let the matter be brought before the Courts in an appropriate way for determination. Under these circumstances, the Directors of the respective companies felt it their duty to the stockholders of the companies to proceed, and have entered into a contract for the merger which they have brought to the attention of the Government. The Government has indicated that it proposes to institute an appropriate proceeding in equity to determine the questions involved, and it is expected that the matter will be promptly disposed of.

Assets United. While in deference to these legal proceedings the contract will not be submitted to you immediately, you will be interested at this time in its provisions. The contract makes provision for uniting the assets of the Vacuum Oil Company and the Standard Oil Company of New York, under the name "General Petroleum Corporation." To effect this end the name of the present Standard Oil Company of New York will be changed to "General Petroleum Corporation." The General Petroleum Corporation will have all the present assets of the Standard Oil Company of New York. The General Petroleum Corporation will also acquire all the assets of the Vacuum Oil Company, and will issue and deliver to each shareholder of the Vacuum Oil Company in exchange for these assets three (3) shares of the capital stock of General Petroleum Corporation for each share of Vacuum Oil Company stock surrendered to the Vacuum Oil Company for cancellation. The stockholders of the Standard Oil Company of New York will receive new certificates in the name of the General Petroleum Corporation for their present shares.

The Board of Directors of the General Petroleum Corporation will, upon consummation of the contract, be composed of directors chosen in equal number from the present directorates of the Vacuum Oil Company and the Standard Oil Company of New York, thus giving to those now conducting the business of each company an equal voice in the management.

Public Confidence. Among the important assets of each of the present companies is the good-will attached to its name and the confidence of the public in its management and personnel. To preserve these assets there will be organized two subsidiary corporations of General Petroleum Corporation, to be known, respectively, as "Vacuum Oil Company, Inc." and "Standard Oil Company of New York, Inc." in order that the present businesses of the respective companies may be carried on as in the past and under present management, thus preserving the values of the corporate names, trademarks and organizations of the two companies. The Vacuum customers can thus feel assured that the high-grade lubricants and all other distinctive Vacuum products will be manufactured and marketed in all the world's markets by and through Vacuum organizations with the management and personnel with which they are familiar, thereby ensuring that the distinctive Vacuum products will be available exactly as heretofore. The customers of the Standard Oil Company of New York can likewise feel assured that they will be dealing with the same management and personnel with which they are familiar in the marketing of the distinctive Standard Oil Company of New York products.

Your Directors unanimously believe that the carrying out of the contract will prove to be in the best interests of the stockholders of your Company and of the public we serve.

By order of the Board of Directors
Geo. V. Holton,
Secretary.

FINDS IN SIAM

17th-Century Catholic
Relics

Discussing the discovery of old silver articles at Lopburi (Luvo) which are believed to date back to the time of Louis XIV. and to be relics of the brief period of French Catholic influence in Siam the Bangkok correspondent of The Times says: The find is composed of two silver candlesticks, a silver-gilt base, presumably of a crucifix, a silver-gilt chalice adorned with pictures of the life of Christ, and a silver vessel used for burning incense at the Benediction. They are clearly parts of altar furniture.

In the latter half of the 17th century, during the reign of King Phra Narai, Constantine Phaulkon, a Greek and the most remarkable foreigner ever in the service of Siam, held ministerial office and a position of great influence at Court. He, like the King, had a house and a private chapel at Lopburi, though the capital was then at Ayutthia. It was the policy of King Phra Narai to use France to counteract the influence of Holland, then the predominant power in the East. The favour shown to the French gave Louis XIV. the idea of effecting by diplomacy the conversion to Catholicism of the King and people of Siam. Several embassies were exchanged, and in December, 1686, a treaty was signed giving every possible facility to the French missionaries. In the end a revolution swept away both the King and his foreign adviser, together with all the Frenchmen in the country.

The silver that has been dug up might have been part of the altar furniture of the Church of St. Paul at Lopburi or of Constantine Phaulkon's private chapel, which was consecrated under the name of Our Lady of Loretto. St. Paul's had a congregation of 90 Catholics in those days. In modern times the Roman Catholic Mission has never had a station at Lopburi, but part of the walls of Phaulkon's private chapel still remains. It is supposed that some one, foreseeing the disaster about to overtake the Christian faith in 1688, removed the altar furniture and buried it under conditions that have kept it in wonderful preservation.

The relics have been presented by a resident in Lopburi to the Prince of Nagor Sargar, Minister of the Interior, and were by him passed on to Prince Damrong for the National Museum.

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CASTE PREJUDICE

The Problem of the
"Untouchables"

IMPOSTORS TESTED.

Sir Charles Morris, K.C.S.I., a member of the Simon Commission, writing about the Caste System of India states:—

"To-day castes are to be reckoned by the hundred and identifiable minor castes by the thousand. Caste remains as strongly as ever a matter of birth. A man is born to honour as a Brahman or to dishonour as a sweeper; the worst of Brahmins cannot lose his sanctity and the noblest of sweepers cannot break his birth's invidious bar, except by going right outside the pale of his religion."

"To a man's ancient occupation is still determined by a man's caste, though various causes, such as education and travel and the development of industry and the desire for Government service, have blurred the boundary lines."

The Caste Tribunal. "Each caste enforces its own rules by means of committees called panchayats. A caste man who breaks the rules by 'engaging in a degrading occupation, or eating improper food, or marrying beyond the pale, is arraigned before the caste tribunal. He may get off by paying a fine or standing a dinner. But for major offences he will be outcast, and then none of his own caste-fellows will have anything to do with him; nor can he get access to the temples, nor service from any of the other workers, the barber, the cobbler, the washerman, on whom he depends for necessary offices."

Girls of Humble Caste. "To places where there is a demand for wives, girls of humble caste are sometimes brought by dishonest brokers, who dispose of them as of higher caste than they are. This practice may suggest the question why a low-caste man should not likewise go off to some place where he was unknown and give himself out as of a high caste. The answer is that unknown strangers are always objects of suspicion in India; and that before he was accepted he would be put through tests under which he would break down for sheer lack of knowledge of the society which he sought to enter."

The Major Castes. "There is little difficulty about the precedence of the major castes. Always the Brahman comes first, and then the modern representatives of the three 'twice born' communities. Below them there would be no general agreement as to the sequence. Some Sudras are 'clean' others, though not clean, are yet not thought of as polluted."

"Below these, again, are a descending series of 'Untouchables.' In the South, where Brahmanism is strongest, the degree of pollution with which the various kinds of pariah are invested is measured by the distance within which they may not approach a Brahman. The depressed classes are reckoned to number from 50 to 60 millions. They used to be thought of as definitely beyond the pale of Hinduism. Their position is more ambiguous nowadays, when growing tension between Hindus and Moslems makes it important to each community to increase its numerical strength."

"But if the outcasts are to be reckoned as Hindus it is only just and proper that Hinduism should treat them better. Logic and expediency alike tend to reinforce the efforts already being made by the more generous-minded of the caste leaders to show more consideration to those beyond the pale. The movement has long figured on political programmes; it is now actually gaining strength; but it still has great difficulties to overcome in the shape of orthodox conservatism."

COCKTAIL HABIT.

But Water a Poisonous
Drink!

WHAT DOCTORS THINK.

Two eminent medical authorities condemned the cocktail habit in their evidence before the Royal Commission on Licensing, which is inquiring into the laws on the supply and sale of liquor. The statements were:

Sir George Newman, chief medical officer to the Ministry of Health and the Board of Education.—It is most indefensible to have a cocktail before dinner, and to drink a cocktail without any relation to food is also undesirable for most people.

Dr. H. H. Dale, director of the National Institute for Medical Research.—I do not think the cocktail habit has a good effect. Scientifically I should condemn it, but if a man was labouring under mental tension a cocktail might give him an appetite and allow him to enjoy a meal.

Alcoholism, said Sir George, rendered people more susceptible to pneumonia, venereal disease, and tuberculosis.

The high mortality attributed to alcoholism was most marked between 35 and 55 years of age.

Workman and His Beer. "He thought that beer had a slight, but transient, food value for the workman."

Dr. Dale said that the most poisonous drink during heavy work and under hot, perspiring conditions was water. The discovery was made during the war, and measures were taken to add to the water supplied to the men a small quantity of common salt. They were not told what it was, and it made them feel comfortable, but they were angry when it was revealed to them afterwards.

Sir W. Arbuthnot Lane. Sir William Arbuthnot Lane, the health expert, said to a Daily Mail reporter:

If a person desires an appetiser before a meal, sherry is easily the best drink. Cocktails may be very nice, but I do not think that they are good. And incidentally an enormous profit is made out of them.

If you drink good sherry you know where you are. It does not spoil your taste or your stomach.

I believe that when a man is down or out of sorts alcohol is one of the most wonderful things in the world. It is absorbed at once in the stomach. I have the greatest belief in alcohol used judiciously.

STANDARD TIMES

Sunrise and Sunset In
Colony

Sunrise and Sunset in Hong Kong for April (Standard time of the 120th Meridian, East of Greenwich) are as follows:—

April	Sunrise	Sunset
	a.m.	p.m.
1	6.16	6.38
2	6.15	6.39
3	6.14	6.39
4	6.13	6.40
5	6.12	6.40
6	6.11	6.41
7	6.10	6.41
8	6.09	6.41
9	6.08	6.42
10	6.07	6.42
11	6.06	6.42
12	6.05	6.43
13	6.04	6.43
14	6.03	6.43
15	6.02	6.44
16	6.01	6.44
17	6.01	6.45
18	6.00	6.46
19	5.59	6.46
20	5.58	6.46
21	5.57	6.47
22	5.56	6.47
23	5.55	6.47
24	5.54	6.48
25	5.53	6.48
26	5.52	6.49
27	5.51	6.49
28	5.50	6.49
29	5.49	6.49
30	5.48	6.49

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SIBERIA MARU	Saturday, 19th April.
LONDON, MARSEILLES, ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM via Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Suez.	
KATORI MARU	Saturday, 5th April.
ATSUTA MARU	Saturday, 19th April.
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Port.	
AKI MARU	Wednesday, 23rd April.
KAGA MARU	Wednesday, 21st May.
BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang, & Colombo.	
AWA MARU	Friday, 11th April.
NAGANO MARU	Monday, 14th April.
SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Mexico & Panama.	
GINYO MARU	Saturday, 5th April.
SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape Town & Port.	
KANAGAWA MARU	Saturday, 5th April.
NEW YORK, BOSTON via Panama.	
LISBON MARU	Wednesday, 16th April.
TSUYAMA MARU	Thursday, 1st May.
LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Constantinople, Genoa.	
LIMA MARU	Monday, 14th April.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.	
KOREA MARU	Saturday, 5th April.
SUWA MARU	Monday, 14th April.
MORIOKA MARU (Moll direct)	Sunday, 13th April

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LONDON, HAMBURG, ROTTERDAM & ANTWERP—Via Singapore, Colombo, Suez and Port Said.	
ALASKA MARU	Monday, 21st April.
BIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES—Via Saigon, Singapore, Colombo, Durban & Cape Town.	
BUENOS AIRES MARU	Friday, 25th April.
SANTOS MARU	Tuesday, 20th May.
BOMBAY—Via Singapore & Colombo.	
HEINAN MARU	Thursday, 3rd April.
SHUNKO MARU (Calls at Saigon)	Monday, 7th April.
BURMA MARU	Saturday, 10th April.
DUBAN, LOURENCO MARQUES, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR & MOHABASA—Via Singapore & Colombo.	
MEXICO MARU	Saturday, 3rd May.
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	
TACOMA MARU	Friday, 4th April.
BORNEO MARU	Friday, 18th April.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER—Via Japan Ports from Shanghai.	
ARIZONA MARU (from S'hai)	Tuesday, 15th April.
MELBOURNE—Via Manila, Brisbane & Sydney.	
MADRAS MARU	Monday, 7th April.
HAIPHONG—Via Hobei & Pakhoi.	
MENADO MARU	Thursday, 3rd April, 10 a.m.
NEW YORK—Via Japan ports & Panama.	
HAVES MARU	Tuesday, 8th April.
JAPAN PORTS.	
KINE MARU	Friday, 4th April.
KASADO MARU	Tuesday, 8th April.
BATAVIA MARU	Thursday, 10th April.
KEELUNG—Via Swatow & Amoy.	
ROZAN MARU	Sunday, 5th April, 3 p.m.
CANTON MARU	Sunday, 13th April, 3 p.m.
TAKAO—Via SWATOW & AMOY.	
DELI MARU	Thursday, 10th April, Noon.
TAKAO & KEELUNG.	
BATAVIA MARU	Thursday, 10th April.

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SHIPPING SECTION.

EIGHT-HOUR DAY.

Opposition of Norwegian Shipowners.

The Norwegian Shipowners' Association has taken up a definite standpoint in regard to the suggestion put forward some time ago by the International Labour Bureau of Geneva in the course of its application to different countries for replies to a series of questions respecting the working time on board ship. One of these questions asked as to how far a possible regulation of the working time on board should be arranged according to the principle of an eight-hour day or a week of 48 hours.

The association definitely advises the Norwegian Department of Commerce against any further negotiations on this question on the principle thus put forward by the Labour Office. According to a detailed calculation made by the association as to the cost of introducing an eight-hour day or a three watch shift on ships of over 200 gross tons, based upon the situation of the Norwegian tonnage on July 1, 1929, the result would be to impose an extra outlay of about 43,000,000 kr. in the first year of the introduction of the scheme. If the smaller ships were to be included the cost would be much greater.

In the opinion of the association the above figures prove that it is quite unthinkable to consider the adoption of such a scheme for the Norwegian merchant fleet, as it would simply bring about the destruction of shipping. Hundreds of ships, especially small vessels, would have to be sold, and thousands of seamen would become idle. Under the circumstances the association states it cannot think it possible that the Norwegian authorities will support such a proposal, which would inevitably ruin an important source of income for the country, and thereby undermine the national economy.

OLD DUTCH SEAPORT.

New Service to London Inaugurated.

The Walford Lines, Ltd., opened a bi-weekly service between Dordrecht and London, traffic on this route being restarted after a period of 50 years. The first sailing from Dordrecht of the Jolly Marie, which will maintain this service via the Hellesvoetuis estuary until the new fairway from Dordrecht to the Hook of Holland is opened, was accompanied by an official ceremony, at which the Netherlands Minister of Home Affairs, Mr. P. J. Reijer, LL.D., was present, in addition to a large number of local authorities, including Mr. P. L. de Gaay Fortman, Burgomaster of Dordrecht, and Mr. S. Hoogstra, manager of the Municipal Port Board.

An urgent dispatch received in Tainan on February 18 reports that part of the embankment of the Yellow River near Litang and Wuchiatan, in northern Shantung, has collapsed due to the thawing of ice in the river. The damage is stated to be about one mile in length and a number of neighbouring districts have been flooded. The Shantung Provincial Department of Reconstruction is rushing workmen to repair the damage.

LARGER VESSELS

\$230,000 Wharf Scheme for Dundee

Dundee Harbour Board, at a recent meeting, decided to proceed immediately with a £230,000 scheme for the extension of King George Wharf.

Mr. B. L. Nairn, chairman of the Board, intimated that the Unemployment Grants Committee had given its final consent to the scheme, and that the Board of Trade had sanctioned everything that had been put before them. It was now for the trustees to proceed. Full arrangements had been made, and it remained for them to give authority to the engineer to go ahead and issue specifications. He moved accordingly.

The motion was unanimously adopted, and the chairman remarked that the engineer would use all possible speed in the matter. The figure of £230,000 is an approximate one.

Agreement with Shipbuilding Co. By the scheme, King George Wharf, which is at present 805 feet in length, will be extended for a distance of 530 feet over the front of the old Caledon shipyard. An agreement has been entered into with the shipbuilding Company whereby the latter will release a portion of their yard next Whit Sunday. In addition to providing more quayside the scheme involves the construction of extensive shed accommodation, electric cranes, railway tracks and other facilities. Work will be provided for about 150 men.

The scheme is in continuation of the Board's policy to provide additional accommodation for large vessels. For many years the development of the past has been handicapped by the shallowness of the four docks which can be entered only by vessels drawing twenty feet or less of water. Larger vessels must berth at the riverside quays, where up to thirty feet of water is available. When the extension is completed, upwards of a mile of deep-water quayside will be in use, stretching continuously from the Marine Parade to the Fish Dock at Stamergate.

KEROSENE CARGO DANGER

Charged before Comdr. G. F. Hole, R.N., at the Marine Court, this morning, Au Cheung, a seaman of a trading junk, pleaded guilty to the charge of having 99 tins of kerosene on his craft at Shaikwan instead of at the Dangerous Goods Anchorage.

Comdr. Hole pointed out the danger of such an act, not only to the people on board the junk itself but to the whole junk community at Shaikwan.

Defendant was fined \$100 or three months' jail.

WARSHIPS IN PORT

British warships in port this morning were:—
In Basin of R.N. Dockyard: Tamar, Bridgewater, Iroquois, Scamew, Moth, Sandwich.
West Wall: Stormcloud, Sonma.
No. 1 Buoy: Hermes.
No. 6 Buoy: Suffolk.
No. 7 Buoy: Herald.
No. 10 Buoy: Scarpis, Birdar.
No. 11 Buoy: Marazion.
No. 18 Buoy: Bruce.
Foreign men-of-war in port were:—
U.S. gunboat Mindanao.
Portuguese Cruiser Adamastor.
Chinese Gunboat Kien Yu.

STEAMERS' MOVEMENTS

The P. & O. s.s. Khyber left Singapore for this port on April 1 at 6 a.m., and is due here on April 5 at about 5 p.m.
The Ben Line s.s. Benmacdhuil from Middlesbrough, London, Straits and Manila is due to arrive here on April 11.
The C.P.S. R.M.S. Empress of Russia (from Manila) is due here at 9 a.m. on April 6 (Sunday), and will berth at Pier No. 5, Kowloon Wharf.
The C.P.S. R.M.S. Empress of Russia, Capt. A. J. Holland, R.N.R., will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama at noon on April 9 (Wednesday).

NO DECK LINES

Capt. C. Spink, master of the river boat s.s. Tainning, was charged before Comdr. G. F. Hole, R.N., at the Marine Court this morning with not having his deck lines marked. Due to the fact that all other cases had been brought up over the weekend, and had been dismissed, Capt. Spink was allowed to go.

NAVAL CONFERENCE.

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The Chugai urges the authorities to refrain from making their instructions a political issue.

The Nichi Nichi on the other hand, waxes highly indignant at the report that Mr. Ramsay MacDonald communicated with Tokyo direct, as it considers it an unwarranted attempt to bring pressure to bear on Japan.

'Nichi Nichi Indignant

Tokyo, Yesterday.
Commenting on the London despatches, asserting that Mr. MacDonald had communicated direct with Tokyo through the British Ambassador, and ignored the Japanese Delegation in London, a Foreign Office spokesman declared: "It is useless to deny that the communication was sent from the British Premier to the Japanese Premier through Sir John Tilley, the British Ambassador, to Mr. Shidehara, the Japanese Foreign Minister, adding that Mr. Stimson had likewise sent a personal communication. The spokesman intimated, however, that the Press despatches though founded on fact, were incorrect in detail, intimating that the communication was conciliatory in tone and not coercive. He asserted that it had not influenced the Japanese decision one way or another.

Instructions Approved

Tokyo, Yesterday.
The Cabinet has approved the instructions to the London Delegates, and the Premier has proceeded to the Palace to obtain the Emperor's sanction.

The instructions are expected to be despatched this evening.

Tokyo, Yesterday.
The Government's instructions have been despatched to London.

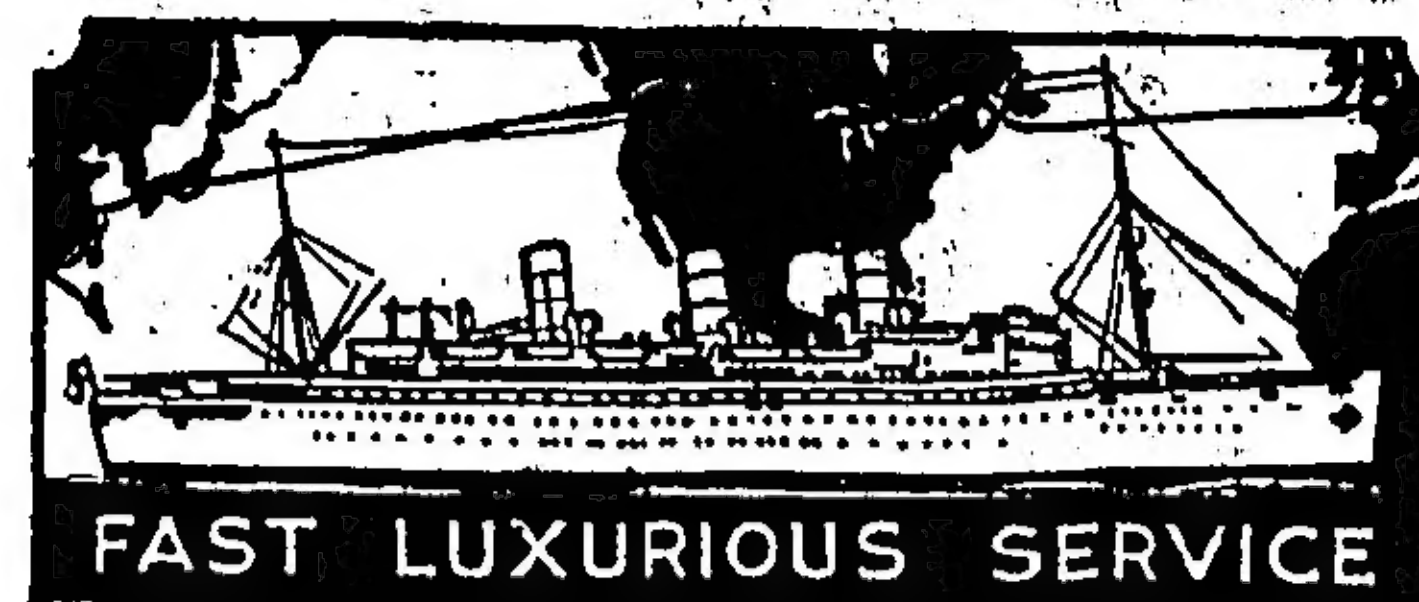
It is understood that Japan accepts the proposed tonnage figures, but there are four reservations: firstly, acceptance does not mean abandonment of claims for a seventy per cent. ratio of eight-inch gun ships or maintenance of the present strength in submarines; secondly, as acceptance of submarine tonnage precludes Japan from building any between now and 1936, Japan should be permitted to start construction and replacement of vessels before the age limit is reached for the purpose of keeping her dockyards employed in the interval; thirdly, acceptance of the auxiliary craft figures should be contingent on the prolongation of the capital ship holiday; fourthly, the agreement should terminate at the end of 1936.

It is understood that it will be left to Mr. Wakatsuki's discretion to decide the form in which the reservations should be incorporated in the agreement, though the Government will be consulted prior to the final signature—Reuter.

New York, Yesterday.
The Hearst papers to-day devote attention to Mr. Hoover. A long front-page open letter is published warning the President not to be surprised if the Senate and country "do not take your advice to enter a new European political and military alliance, politely termed a consultative pact."

Simultaneously, Mr. Britten, the chairman of the naval committee in the House of Representatives, has formulated a plan whereby the American delegation "will soon learn whether England is 'on the square'"; namely, a three-Power scheme under which the United States and Britain will each scrap four specified battleships, and Japan will retain her present ten battleships totalling 292,400 tons compared with America's fourteen of 427,400 tons and Britain's sixteen of 501,460 tons. France and Italy combined have 284,000 tons of small-gun battleships, all of which will "become due for the scrapheap in the next six years."

The Republican Senator Fess has issued a statement declaring that the Senate is becoming increasingly hostile to American participation in a consultative pact, but expressing the opinion that a three-Power treaty is feasible.—Reuter's American Service.



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CANADIAN PACIFIC

NEXT SAILINGS

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E/CANADA ... May 7th	E/ASIA ... April 30th

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*BELTANA	—	3rd May	Marseilles & London.
*KASHGAR	9,005	10th May	Marseilles, London, Hull, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
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NELLORE	6,853	8th Apr.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
KASHGAR	9,005	11th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*KIDDERPORE	5,284	15th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TAKIWA	7,035	18th Apr.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
HANTUA	10,946	25th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TILAWA	10,005	28th Apr.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
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The new vessels, it is learned, are to be 962ft. long over all, 107.5ft. beam, and will have a speed of 28.5 knots or more. The propulsion machinery will be of about 30,000 s.h.p. The plant will consist of high-pressure turbines with superheated steam operating quadruple screws. The revised plans show vessels with two funnels and raking lines, suggesting high speed. The gross register of the vessels will be about 83,000 tons. They will have accommodation for about 2,600 passengers.

According to these measurements the vessels will have greater length and beam than the 59,957 gross ton Leviathan, which has an over all length of 950.7ft. and a beam of 100.3ft. The Leviathan is now operated at a speed of between 23 and 24 knots. It is estimated that the proposed new ships will cost about 6,000,000 each to build.

The design indicates streamline construction, as in the case of the Norddeutscher Lloyd's express liners Bremen and Europa. The terms will have the semi-cruiser form, and the bows will have the under-water bulbous form of the German liners. They will be of the three-compartment type of hull construction, which will make them practically unsinkable.

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Plans for the construction of new ships are predicated on the granting of an application to the Shipping Board for a loan amounting to 75 per cent. of the cost of construction and a contract for transportation of the United States mail from New York to Southampton at a rate in proportion to the speed of the vessels. The highest rate provided by the Jones-White Act in its present form is over \$2 per nautical mile for vessels of 20,000 gross tons or more with a speed of 24 knots. It is understood that bids will be asked on the construction of the vessels as soon as the plans have been approved by the Shipping Board and Navy Department.

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Osaka via Amoy, Moji & Kobe	YUENSANG	Sun., 4th May at 7 a.m.
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Sandakan	HINSANG	Wed., 2nd Apr. at 3 p.m.
Sandakan	MAUSANG	Thurs., 17th Apr. at 3 p.m.
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As the result of letters received from shipmasters on the subject, the Imperial Merchant Service Guild some considerable time ago addressed representations to the India Office Coast, and amongst those specially mentioned as needing improvement in the opinion of shipmasters was the light on the Vengurla Rocks. The Guild was subsequently informed at that time that active steps were being taken to improve the light, which is a fixed one, and according to reports received by the Guild, by no means efficient. One shipmaster in writing again recently expressed the view that "a good flashing light on these rocks would ease our minds in the south-west monsoon, as Vengurla is a turning point."

The Guild has again recently been in communication with the India Office on the subject, and the secretary is now informed that the Government of India state that it has been decided that the present light at Vengurla Rocks should be replaced by a new modern and up-to-date light of the first order as soon as the necessary apparatus has been constructed. It is proposed to commence the work this year, and it is hoped that the new light will be installed by the autumn of 1931. Meanwhile, as a temporary measure, the existing burner will be replaced by a 35 mm. "Chance" incandescent petroleum vapour burner, which will greatly increase the power of the light.

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The times and heights are given for Kowloon but they may be used for the Victoria Naval Yard and Aberdeen, the differences being very small.

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April 2 to 8, 1930.

DATE	HIGH WATER	LOW WATER
March	Standard Time	Standard Time
Wed.	10 15.8	5 5.4
Thurs.	11 5.9	6 5.9
Fri.	12 1.2	6 6.2
Sat.	1 0.7	6 6.5
Sun.	1 5.8	6 6.8
Mon.	2 11.1	6 7.1
Tues.	3 16.4	6 7.4

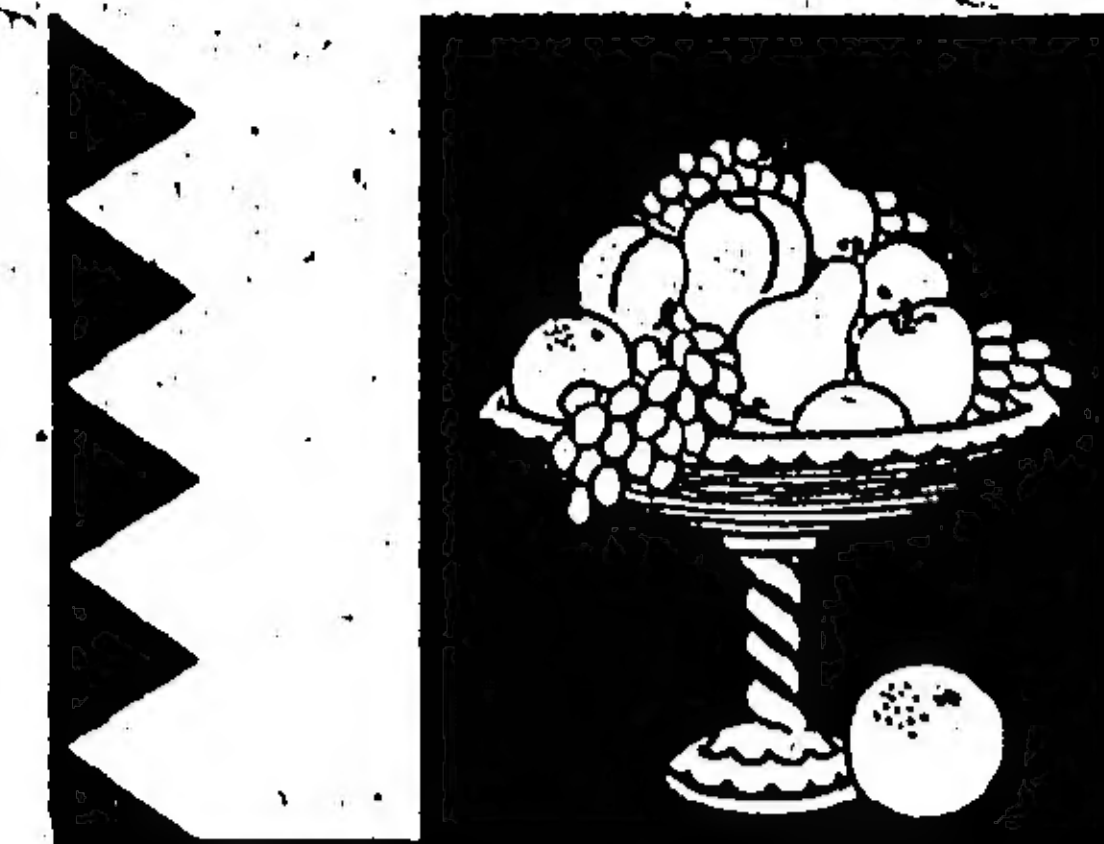
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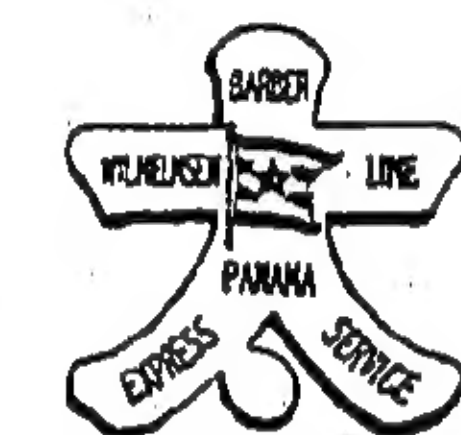
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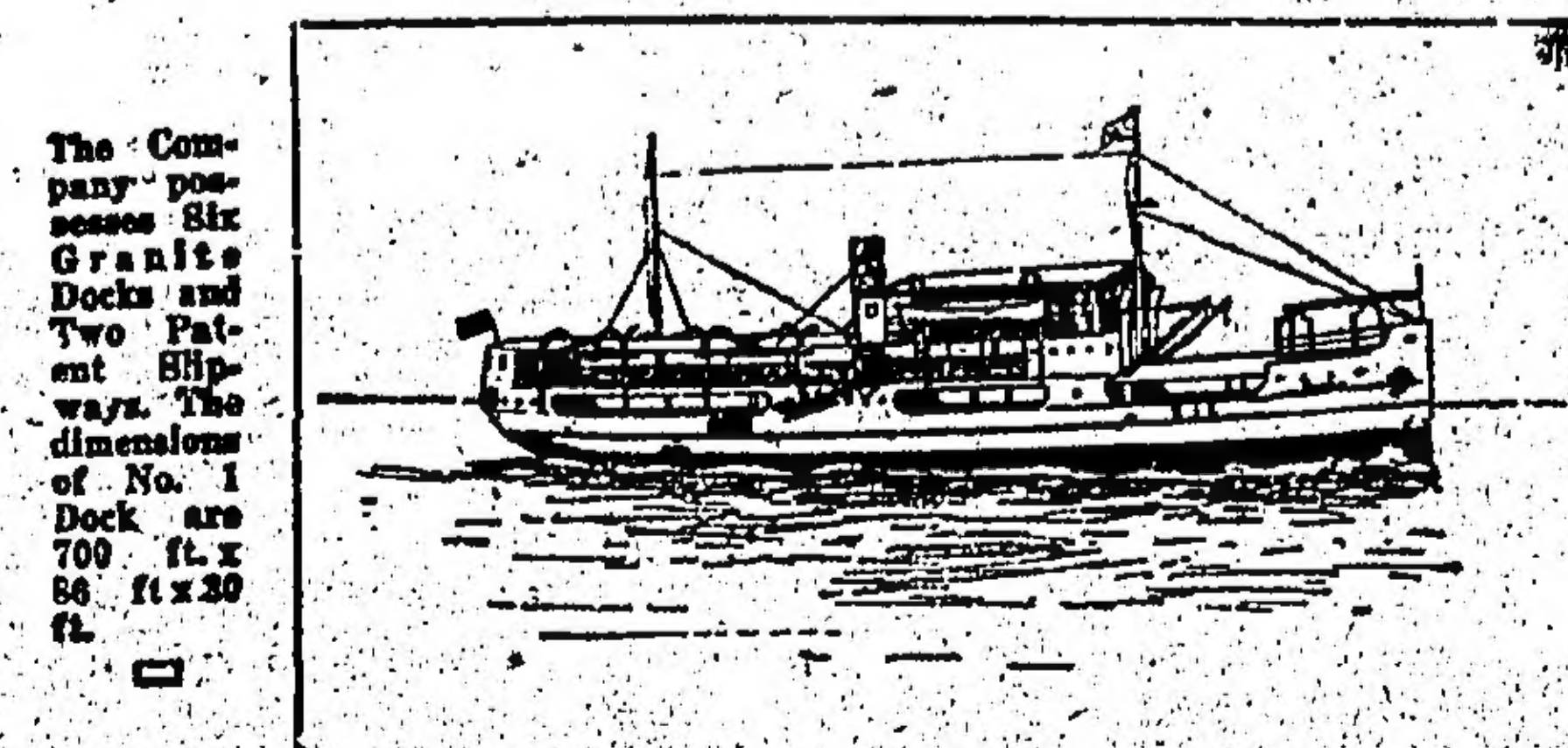
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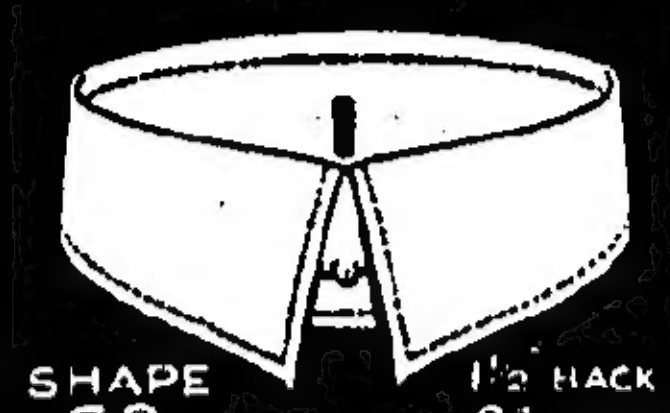
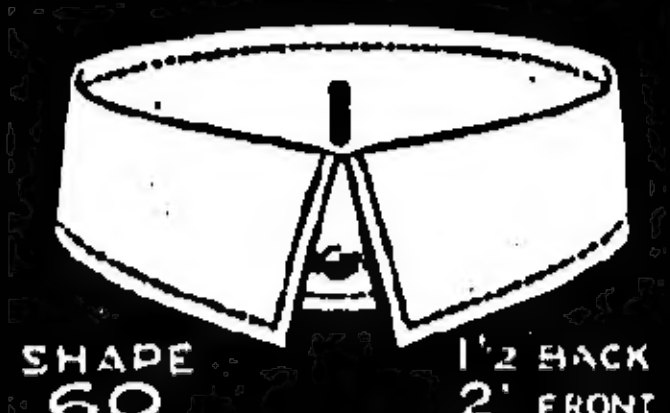
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DEATH TRAPS.

"We agree that Chinese tenement houses should be provided with concrete instead of wooden staircases."

This is one of the riders of the jury at the inquest, which concluded yesterday, on the victims of the fire at Smithfield, Kennedy Town. This important point was commented upon by the China Mail on the very day that the fire occurred, namely, March 12. We then stated, in part:—

It must have struck the casual observer many a time and oft that narrow wooden staircases in Chinese tenement houses form a dreadful peril in the case of fire. Yet this type of stairway obtains to-day, even in the case of the numerous new blocks already erected or in course of erection all over the Colony. Why should danger, and even death, be so persistently courted? Is the machinery of the Building Authority—which means, of course, the Government—not strong enough to place a ban on wooden staircases in Chinese blocks and to insist that only concrete stairways be constructed? Surely landlords and the authorities alike do not willfully invite further lessons of the dreadful nature brought home to them by the fatal fires of 1922 and 1930 in the same dwelling houses!

Immediately following the fire it was learned that the authorities exercised commendable activity, this being borne out by the remarks of the Coroner in endorsing the jury's verdict. He remarked:—

"I will forward your recommendations regarding the concrete staircases to the Government. As the Building Authority is not strong enough to place a ban on wooden staircases in Chinese blocks and to insist that only concrete stairways be constructed? Surely landlords and the authorities alike do not willfully invite further lessons of the dreadful nature brought home to them by the fatal fires of 1922 and 1930 in the same dwelling houses!"

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sory. There is, however, a movement, as Mr. Bottomley (representing the Building Authority) has stated, in favour of concrete staircases. We can only hope that that movement will grow in strength."

This constitutes progress of a very gratifying nature. The next move should be with the Legislative Council at their next meeting a week hence. It has been stated in evidence by a representative of the Building Authority that the latter endeavoured, so far as was possible, to get architects to submit reinforced concrete construction, more especially as regards floors and staircases, but they could not absolutely enforce such provisions. Mr. Bottomley read a letter from an architect complaining about the excessive cost of such work, and added that there was a tendency to construct the fireproof type of buildings nowadays.

It has, therefore, been made quite clear that our comments of March 12 have been justified up to the hilt. There is no power to enforce statutory provisions against the appalling dangers of fires in tenement houses with wooden staircases. The Building Authority has no option but to pass plans of proposed new buildings in which it is intended to construct wooden staircases. It may suggest; it may advise—but it can go no further! Architects may submit plans providing for concrete staircases, only to have them contemptuously rejected by their clientele on the score of the heavier cost as compared with wooden staircases. Thus, so far, it has been nobody's business to safeguard the lives of tenants in crowded blocks.

Now that the subject has received so much publicity through the reports in the Press of the jury's riders and the Coroner's concurrence therewith, the public will be naturally impatient should nothing more be heard of it for weeks, if not months, to come. These death traps of wooden staircases must be universally abolished and replaced by concrete staircases. The lives of the dwellers of Chinese tenement houses are more to be considered than the extra outlay involved for property owners. Let the legislators get busy, therefore, with the necessary amendments to the existing unsatisfactory building laws!

News in Brief

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A Chinese was, at the Kowloon Police Court to-day, sentenced to twelve months' hard labour for snatching a purse from a compatriot in Shanghai Street last night. He had a previous conviction.

Mr. G. C. Moss, Assistant Engineer and Station Officer at Central Fire Station, has been transferred to the Kowloon Fire Station as Station Officer, vice Mr. G. Saunders, who goes to the Central to-day.

While driving along Nathan Road yesterday Colonel Skinner met with an accident when his car was knocked over by another car, driven by Mr. E. D. Alves, which was coming out of Jordan Road. A cut on Colonel Skinner's hand was the only injury reported.

An interesting charity concert will be given at the Theatre Royal on April 26, at 9 p.m., in aid of the Tin Kwok School and Orphanage (Kowloon City) under the patronage of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government and Mrs. W. T. Southern.

"MASKEE."

Round the World on a Junk.

A SPORTING VENTURE.

Who said "Maskee?" The answer is provided by Mr. L. Stevenson, second officer of the Indo-China s.s. Hang Sang. He is so firmly convinced that this magic word will carry him round the world that he has gone to the trouble of having a junk specially built in Swatow, with which he and two or three other merrie men intend to circumnavigate the globe.

Model Inspected.

In an exclusive interview this morning a China Mail reporter was shown a model of the gallant ship. Without getting too nautical, he is able to state that the junk is rigged with a mainsail and foresail, and a jury mast can be rigged astern, if necessary. The dimensions of the junk are 41 feet in length with an 11-foot 6 inch beam. The frame is made of camphor wood, the hull of Antung pine, the deck of locust wood. The deep rudder will fulfil the dual duty of guide and freeboard.

Mr. Stevenson is a Jersey man, and consequently puts little faith in such things as engines. His idea is to do the trip with the aid of favourable winds and good honest muscle. He has had the junk so constructed that it is divided into three compartments, with a bulkhead forward, which arrangement permits him and his crew to lie snug in dirty weather. The proposed route to be undertaken is from China to New Guinea, then to Australia and New Zealand, to the Hawaiian Islands, through the Panama Canal and so to England.

The junk will carry no cargo, and provision is made for carrying two tons of water astern, and also stores that will last for nine months. She hopes to get away from here on the first "leg"—to Sandakan, about April 11. In the meantime, Mr. Stevenson is to leave very shortly for Swatow to bring her down to Hong Kong. We learn that the craft has been under construction in Swatow for the last four months.

Many dangers will be encountered en route such as coral reefs at night and those dread tornadoes in the Pacific. The opening stages of the tour will cause great anxiety, but once this period is left behind the remainder will prove plain sailing.

Long Preparation.

Although Mr. Stevenson has named his boat "Maskee" he has left nothing to chance as regards charts and instruments for his projected 18-months journey. In fact, he has spent nine months in all in careful calculation and contemplation before definitely deciding to start upon the venture.

As to the personnel on the trip, it is understood there will be four in the crew. One of them is a local business gentleman, another is said to be a doctor in Sandakan, whilst the remaining member is still to be selected from numerous interested applicants.

The trip will be quite in the modern manner, as the skipper has arranged for Movietone and picture rights, and has also made arrangements for Mr. epoch-making journey to be fully and very fully recorded in British and American newspapers.

No Precedent.

Speaking without the book, there only appears to be one instance of a junk ever coming up the Thames—this was in 1879. There was, of course, another junk trip from Amoy to the Pacific Coast a few years ago, but this trip was made by a Chinese crew under the command of an old Chinese Coast trader.

Specimens will take of their hats and Mr. Stevenson and his crew will be seen in the junk all the way.

ROUND THE CINEMAS

Wild Party for "New York Nights"

A REAL HOT ONE

Filming "New York Nights" was in progress in Hollywood and a number of vaudeville artists and singers had been engaged as "atmosphere" in support of Norma Talmadge.

"This is supposed to be a wild party," said Director Lewis Milestone, "get to it."

And they did. Jerry Coe, the dancing accordionist, danced to a tune from a blues band of black blowers, and then gave his sensational eccentric dance. The tap dancing team of Rutledge and Taylor did a number, and several other entertainers made the party a real "hot one," to use Miss Talmadge's expression.

"New York Nights" now at the Queen's Theatre, is a lively and entertaining study of the world of song writers and chorus girls. Critics have agreed that it is the best all-talking picture mirroring the gay night life of Broadway.

Miss Talmadge is supported by a notable cast which includes Gilbert Roland, John Wray, actor-playwright, Lilyan Tashman, Roscoe Karns, and Mary Doran.

RAY HATTON

Thrilled by Character Changes

It is pretty generally accepted that we only have one life to live, but that is where the moving picture actor has the laugh on other people. For instance, I've lived at least a half dozen lives in the past couple of years and goodness knows how many more I'll live in the next few years."

That is the reaction Raymond Hatton, one half of the laugh provoking Paramount comedy of Beery and Hatton, has to his chosen line of work. The half pint member of the pair who furnish the amusement in "Firemen Save My Child," "We're in the Navy Now," and their latest, "Now We're in the Air," which will be showing for the last time at the Majestic Theatre, Kowloon, to-day, has a twinkle in his eye at all times, and it is easy to see that being funny is not just a matter of business with him. Life is one joyous adventure after another and the whole world is just one big laugh to Raymond Hatton.

A Real Thrill

"It is a real thrill, this business of pictures," he says with enthusiasm. "First you are an Eskimo and the next thing you know you are a British Lord and travelling in high society. Then just when you get used to high hat ways and you are almost convinced you really are somebody, you find yourself given the part of an outcast who has only a ragged coat and a set of whalers to keep out the winter cold."

"Then you think of all the childish ambitions you can realise by getting somewhere in pictures. Show me the youngster who hasn't dreamed of wearing all sorts of uniforms. I've dived up in more uniforms than I ever knew existed when I used to gloat over the history books and lodge parades."

"Another big advantage pictures have brought me is a cruise in the Navy and last, but not least, I've had the fun of playing with an honest to goodness fire engine."

LONGEVITY.

250-Year-Old Man to Lecture.

Peking, March 10. According to a telegram from this morning's issue of the Shun Tien Shih Pao, the 250-year-old man, Li Ching-yun is due in the Szechuan capital city about the middle of this month to deliver a series of public lectures on the secrets of his longevity and his reminiscences of the Ching Dynasty.

Mr. Li left his native town of Kai-hsien on March 3 for Ho Ju Poo, where he is to be the house guest of Marshal Wu Pei-fu, former leader of the Chihli clique. The lectures at Chengtu are under the auspices of various local organizations, headed by the provincial education association.

Mr. Li is regarded as the oldest man in the world and in spite of his hoary age, is described as still very fit and healthy. He still possesses a very clear memory and can recall the events of the reigns of Kang Hsi, Chien Lung and other Ching Emperors without any difficulty.

About six months ago, a Chinese university professor, interested in psychology and physiology, tendered an invitation to the aged man to visit Cheng-tu, although he accepted the invitation. The trip never materialised. There are rumours of people in Szechuan seeking to have a glimpse of Mr. Li. The

WHITEWAY CIRCUS.

Fine Show Opens in Wanchai.

ELEPHANT ON ITS HEAD

The Whiteway Circus and Royal Menagerie, which has had a most successful tour throughout the Far East since leaving India four years ago, is now showing nightly at the Praya East. The China Mail is informed that besides the regular 9.15 p.m. show, special matinees will be held on Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays at 4 p.m. School children will be admitted at half rates for all classes at the matinees, whilst Service men and Police in uniform are to be admitted at half price to all performances.

A starred attraction is Miss Lakshony, a little 12-years-old lady, in what is said to be a wonderful tight-rope act. The Famous Flying Diamonds, in their spectacular and sensational trapeze act are also a feature. There are all kinds of other acts to make up a performance of all-round excellence.

Fine Menagerie

The menagerie, always a big drawing card with small- and grown-up-children, comprises elephants, tigers, leopards, zebras, monkeys, bear, etc., and will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. for a modest admission fee of 10 cents. Children will be admitted at half-rates.

The Hong Kong public is promised the sight of an elephant standing on its head, and goals dining with tigers. A special feature, in fact, is made of the trained animal performances.

Professor K. K. Keelary, the proprietor, announces that he has got together 50 articles, all noted in their particular line. The clowns, those all-important gentlemen without which no real circus is complete, have all sorts of new and old stunts, and the show altogether has been pronounced a huge success wherever it has appeared.

Prices range from \$20 for a box (6 seats) and \$5 for a single box seat, to 50 cents in the gallery."

Random Reflections

FROM THE EXPURGATED DIARY OF TUCK SUN PAO

Hong Kong, yesterday. Hong Kong, side now everything blong velly bad. I make catches chow chow blong velly hard. Somebody talkee my that all small clerks who make catches little wages, blong velly sad. They do have nuf money, and they make send letter to talpans for more wages, but the talpans no pay more.

What thing do? My's pose everybody must make drink more water. Hong Kong side now can catches Shing Ming water, so that blong good and proper, but my think if talpans no make pay little more wages, clerks can do proper work. Water-blong velly good but my friend Ah Ching talkee me water no blong good for the heads. So how fashion can clerks make work proper.

Everything blong velly also no good for perilsomeness. My see two Indian perilsomeness yesterday makes all day talkee roadside. One piece ricksha makes come and fall down one small Chinese boy. But the two perilsomeness they no get nuf chow, so they make talkee how fashion can catches more money. They blong too busy make talkee, and no can make find time to see how small boy make fall down by ricksha.

My talkee you more to-morrow.

Ten Years Ago

[From the "China Mail" April 2, 1920]

To-day's dollar is worth 5/-4d.

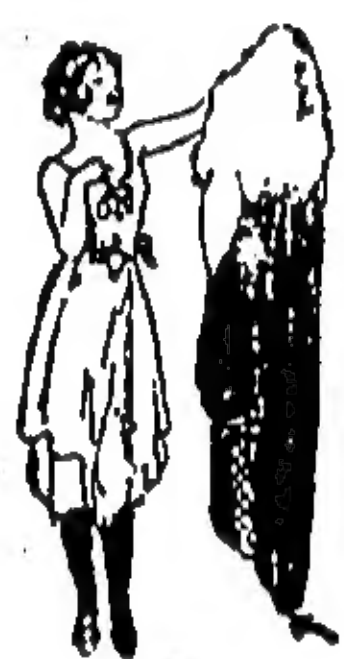
Local employers will never find local newspapers against them on wage questions if they go the right way to work. An employer who says that the newspapers meddle too much is not fit to administer a fried fish shop. Newspapers have a recognised function in society and must be treated accordingly. To ignore them, and to hope that they will hear nothing about it, or to snub them, would be a mistake. Enquiries, is fully justified. The cost of living has gone up 10 per cent. Why are the employers not doing anything to meet the situation? The cost of living has gone up 10 per cent. Why are the employers not doing anything to meet the situation? The cost of living has gone up 10 per cent. Why are the employers not doing anything to meet the situation?

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WATER SUPPLY

Supplies from Shing Mun Valley.

KOWLOON'S FINE POSITION

The total storage in the island reservoirs on Monday, March 31 amounted to 771.69 million gallons, showing a decrease of 20.41 million gallons during the past week. The amount collected from streams was 18.62 million gallons. The week's consumption amounted to 50.43 million gallons which includes 11.40 million gallons from the Shing Mun supply.

The total storage in the mainland reservoirs on Monday, March 31 amounted to 420.65 million gallons, showing an increase of 41.28 million gallons during the past week.

The week's consumption amounted to 25.64 million gallons, not including Hong Kong supplies and 2.43 million gallons supplied to water boats at Laichikok. The yield from the Shing Mun River and streams during the week was 80.75 million gallons.

The following shows the amount in storage (million gallons) on the dates named:

	Hong Kong	Mainland
April 22	326.38	138.81
May 6	311.72	121.65
June 3	237.90	87.96
June 12	192.75	30.51
July 8	157.79	108.52
August 5	125.86	438.58
September 2	1,878.13	487.98
October 7	1,880.18	514.98
November 4	1,699.58	514.64
December 2	1,614.30	496.54

1930

January 6	1,270.77	458.50
" 13	1,235.50	450.51
" 20	1,188.37	438.87
" 27	1,145.95	432.83
February 3	1,097.85	430.14
" 10	1,054.18	424.80
" 17	1,011.11	419.80
" 24	964.42	408.65
March 3	915.10	392.64
" 10	872.36	388.88
" 17	826.17	376.50
" 24	782.10	379.37
" 31	771.69	402.66

† Lowest for 1929 in Kowloon.
† Lowest for 1929 in Island.

The following figures show the weekly consumption (million gallons) on the dates mentioned:

	Hong Kong	Mainland
April 22	37.55	30.76
May 6	33.03	27.17
June 3	27.48	24.86
" 10	27.14	11.08
July 1	27.21	20.71
" 8	26.32	23.28
August 5	31.35	25.17
September 2	50.86	27.62
October 7	58.41	25.67
November 4	54.90	26.70
December 2	54.22	26.81

1930

January 6	46.01	25.38
" 13	45.80	24.17
" 20	47.50	25.47
" 27	47.10	25.21
February 3	50.75	23.74
" 10	44.71	23.71
" 17	46.11	24.86
" 24	46.00	26.22
March 3	48.87	26.88
" 10	46.71	24.80
" 17	47.92	26.40
" 24	48.34	20.26
" 31	50.43	25.64

* Highest in Kowloon during period of publication of weekly reports.

† Lowest in Kowloon recorded in 1929.
† Highest in Island in 1929.
** Including first supply from Shing Mun.

WAGNER'S WIFE.

Death at 93 Years of Age.

Bayreuth, Yesterday. Cosima Wagner, the widow of the composer Richard Wagner, has died at the age of ninety-three.

Cosima Wagner was almost blind, and had been confined to her bed for the past three years.—Reuter.

[Cosima Wagner, was born on December 12, 1837. She was the daughter of another famous composer and pianist, Franz Liszt, by his temporary alliance with Marie Comtesse d'Agout, who later wrote as "Daniel Stern." During her father's years in Weimar (1847-57) she married Hans von Bulow, the well-known conductor, but in November, 1868, she transferred her affections to Richard Wagner. She was not, however, divorced until July, 1870. In August of that year she and Wagner were married at Lucerne, and her understanding and sympathy were invaluable to him in the production of his music-drama at Bayreuth.

After his death, in 1883, she regarded it as her mission to carry on the Bayreuth tradition and keep Wagner's memory green. This she did with great success, bringing the festival performances to a high pitch of excellence. Later, she handed over the task to her son Siegfried Wagner, but remained for long the outstanding figure at Bayreuth thanks to her wide culture and fascinating conversation.

HULLOA BRAZIL!

Paris, Yesterday. Wireless Telephone conversation between France and Brazil has been successfully inaugurated by the respective Ministers of Posts and Telegraphs. They conversed most clearly for 15 minutes.—Reuter.

J.P. CHARGED.

Alleged Possession of Opium.

OFFICIAL INSTRUCTIONS

Mul Kok-leung, the Singapore J.P., made another appearance before Mr. R. E. Lindsell yesterday afternoon in connection with the opium charge against him.

Evidence was given by Mr. J. D. Lloyd, Superintendent of Imports and Exports. He said, with regard to the duties of Revenue Officers, that they had strict instructions not to touch out-going luggage unless they had definite information, or the very strongest suspicion. Revenue Officers also had definite orders that a suspected smuggler must be brought to the office immediately and not allowed to communicate with anybody. He could not explain why these orders were disobeyed in the present case.

Mr. D. L. Strellett, for the defence, questioned Mr. Lloyd with regard to the rights of Revenue Officers in arresting persons in possession of opium.

Mr. Lloyd stated that a detective was allowed to use his discretion regarding the arrest of any one person out of a number whom he knew was in possession of opium, with the idea of trying to "fix" the principal.

Searcher Vague. Questioned by Mr. Strellett on the point of "fixing" possession of the opium, Mr. Lloyd said that the opium was expected to come to the Empress Hotel and to go out of the Hotel in the possession of a man. The searcher had a rather vague idea as to who the man was, and he had to be pointed out by the informer.

And so you expected it to come from a place and from a man and to be brought in by a person? You must assume that Mr. Lloyd?—Well it would not fly in.

The other persons who brought it in did not know where they brought it from?—Oh no.

Knowing that much, do you think it is right that the other persons who brought that opium to the Hotel were not traced at the time and "fixed"? Are there not precautions taken to see who brought the opium into the Hotel?—No, I do not think that is so at all.

Exercises Discretion. Do you not consider that the C.R.O. should take steps to intercept the opium before it goes to the hotel, and to catch the person taking it there?—No, the officer exercises his discretion.

Is it his discretion then to commence to "fix" a person with possession, where it is known to him that a whole series of people have successively been in possession?—Yes.

A Revenue Officer then who knows that a series of persons have successively been in possession of opium, has the discretion as to when he shall put in an appearance and make an arrest?—Yes, I expect him to get the principal. The case was further adjourned until next Thursday afternoon.

MALARIA LECTURE.

Sanitary Board Decision to Reproduce.

CHINESE TRANSLATION

Pursuant to notice, the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga asked the following questions at the fortnightly meeting of the Sanitary Board:—

"I. Will the Government undertake the translating into Chinese of the recent lecture delivered by the Honourable the Director of Medical and Sanitary Services on the subject of Malaria?"

"II. Will the Government cause to be printed, in separate pamphlet form, in English and Chinese, the said lecture for distribution at such times and to such persons, and educational and other institutions as may be considered most beneficial in connection with health propaganda in the Colony?"

The Chairman (Mr. G. R. Sayer) replied: "The lecture referred to is being printed in the Caduceus, a publication of the Hong Kong University Medical Society. The translation and production in pamphlet form is proposed."

Other business before the meeting was of a routine nature. The following were present: Mr. G. R. Sayer (Chairman), The Hon. Dr. A. R. Wellington (Director of Medical and Sanitary Services), Dr. W. V. M. Koch, the Hon. Mr. H. T. Crespy (Director of Public Works), Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, Mr. Wong Kwong-tin, Mr. T. N. Chai, Dr. G. W. Pope, M.O.H., Col. C. D. Myles, O.B.E., R.A.M.C., and the Secretary (Mr. J. Watson).

The Legislature of Porto Rico has extended the vote to all literate women on the island, this measure being effective for the elections of 1932.

Photograph records made from a new material called durim are said to be unbreakable and impervious to scratching.

Have You Heard?—

An Aberdonian, blind in one eye, wanted to get into the cinema at half-price.

An amusing story is told by Mr. Kaye Don, the well-known racing motorist, concerning a salesman who was describing the merits of a car to a prospective purchaser.

Said he: "It runs so smoothly that you can't feel it, so quietly that you can't hear it; while, as for speed—why, sir, believe me, it travels so fast that you can't see it."

"That so?" said the other. Then after a moment's thoughtful pause, he asked: "Well, how do you know the blessed thing is there at all, then?"

Silly Old Man: Yes, I'm on the lookout for a nice little wife. Now, if I were to come to you wouldn't you make me happy by murmuring "Ask mamma?"

Frank Young Lady: Why, of course I would, and what's more, she'd accept you. But oh! Wouldn't it be funny to call you papa?"

Sergeant (reporting fatal accident to inspector): There was an escape of gas in the boiler-room, and I sent down to locate it sir, and Murphy (the man I sent down), struck a match and—

Inspector: What! Struck a match! I should have thought that would have been the last thing on earth he would have done. Sergeant: It was, sir.

Burglar: What about this burglar alarm? Mate: Aw, put it in the bag; might get something for the bells.

Darkness was falling over the picturesque Scottish Highlands, and the three girls who were enjoying the view from the top of the creaking stage-coach, began to shiver in the evening breeze.

"I say!" called the driver to the passengers below, "Is there a mackintosh down there big enough to keep three young ladies warm?" "No," came an eager voice from the window, "but there's a big MacPherson, that's willin' to try."

A Chinese was being frightened by a dog, which was barking at him. "Don't be frightened," said a Briton. "You know, the proverb, 'A barking dog never bites.'" "I know proverb, you know proverb, but does dog know proverb?" asked the Chinese.

Two men went fishing. One of them was quite new at the sport, and the other was an old hand. The new man kept asking ridiculous questions.

"What will I do now?" he asked after having wound his trout in until it was near the end of the rod. "Oh, climb up the rod and stab the beast."

"Alabaster?" asked a young woman of the museum guide as he approached a statue. "No," he replied, slightly raising his brows, "Venue."

It was after the welfare lecture, and the lecturer was speaking to a burly navy. "So you envy Diogenes, do you?" he inquired. "To be sure," answered the navy. "But you don't mean to say that you envy a man who lived in a tub?" reasoned the speaker. "A tub! I thought you said 'pub!'"

DIDN'T BELIEVE.

A Tale of Noah's Jealousy.

We make no apology for taking this from an exchange:

During the great Thames Floods at Mudcombe some years ago, a certain Mr. Brown behaved with conspicuous gallantry. With the hearty support of all Mudcombe, the papers named him the "Hero of the Mudcombe Floods." All the visitors were introduced to him, and listened spellbound to the reminiscences of the Hero of the Mudcombe Floods.

His fame spread far beyond Mudcombe, but at last he was called to his fathers. Shown round Heaven by Gabriel, he was introduced to a group of very venerable men as the Hero of the Mudcombe Floods. They listened enthralled, except one very old man, who continually sniffed.

At last Mr. Brown drew Gabriel to one side. "Doesn't that old chap believe me?" he asked.

"Don't bother," replied the archangel. "It's only professional jealousy. That's Noah."



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MEDICALS MEET.

Specialists at Congress in Osaka.

PROGRESS OF SCIENCE

Osaka, Yesterday. In the presence of 5,000 medical men, the eighth Medical Congress was opened at Osaka this morning.

Cutting out all ceremonies, the congress proceeded with the reading of papers by Japanese and foreign specialists, including M. M. Madsen, Hoffman, and Axenfeld.

Hoffman's paper was entitled "Is Syphilis Curable?" the lecturer giving 20 years' experience with Salvarsan treatment.

Mr. Shibata, the Governor, entertained the foreign guests and officers of the Congress at a luncheon.

The newspapers are favourably commenting on the progress of medical science in Japan.—Reuter.

SIR W. WILKINSON.

Former Consul-General in China.

London, Yesterday. Sir William Henry Wilkinson, Kt., died at his home in Bathampton on Monday night.—Reuter.

He was born on May 10, 1858, and was educated at Wolverhampton, and Balliol College, Oxford, becoming an Exhibitioner in 1876, a Davis Scholar of Chinese in 1879, and a B.A. in 1880.

Sir William joined the China Consular Service in 1880, and was appointed Acting Consul General in Korea from 1893-94, Consul at Ningpo, in 1899, Consul General in Yunnan, and afterwards in Kweichow, 1902-11. He was Consul General at Chengtu 1909, Mukden 1911-12 and at Hankow in 1912. He retired on pension in 1918, after 38 years' service.

The late Sir William Wilkinson published several works on China, the best known being, "The Korean Government," "The Chinese Origin of European Playing Cards," and "A Manual of Chinese Chess."

Mr. Scullin, the Australian Prime Minister, alluded to attacks on Australian soldiers made in war books, and said they would be treated with contempt throughout the Commonwealth.

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RED MENACE.

Anti-Foreign Feeling Worse.

TERRIBLE ATROCITIES

Peking, Yesterday. The bandit and Communist menace in Kiangsi is continually growing worse. Ten thousand "Red" troops under Chu Teh and Mao Tse-tung control many parts of the north and west of the province as well as the entire river from Kian-fu to Kanchow, committing terrible atrocities and depredations, and destroying Government buildings and missionary and other foreign property.

Anti-foreign feeling is worse than at any time since 1927.

The "Reds" attack undefended points, and when Government troops are sent against them they dash to other districts.

Atrocities at Yuanchow. In a recent attack on Yuanchow the Communists seized the city on March 23 and evacuated it on March 26. The city magistrate was killed, and other prominent persons were brutally murdered, including the principal of the leading high school and the chief pastor of the China Inland Mission.

Many shopkeepers and others were tortured and forced to contribute \$50,000 to the "Reds."

Six foreigners were bound and made prisoners during the occupation. Three were carried off, while Mr. R. H. Glazier and his wife (Americans) and Miss Rugg (British) escaped. The Government troops at Nanchang recently were only a thousand in number, and half of them are now distributed along the railway, hence the capital is very weakly held and is liable to fall into the hands of the "Reds." Missionary families are leaving Nanchang.

Bandits are also very active on the upper Yangtze. Many towns in the vicinity of Shasi have been looted, with the usual atrocities.

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Sport Columns

HOME FOOTBALL.

Cup Finalists Win Away.

London, Yesterday.
In the only League game to-day Burnley lost at home to Huddersfield by three goals to one.—Reuter.

Division I.
Burnley 1 Huddersfield 3
League Table to Date

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Wednesday	31	19	6	8	80	40	44
M'chester	35	18	7	10	80	43	43
Derby	35	18	7	10	71	42	43
Blackburn	36	16	6	14	89	35	38
Liverpool	35	15	8	12	59	62	38
Aston Villa	34	17	4	13	75	30	38
Huddersfield	35	16	6	13	56	60	38
Leicester	36	15	6	15	63	36	36
Leeds	34	10	4	14	63	51	26
West Ham	36	15	5	16	74	69	35
Bolton	36	14	7	15	64	69	35
Portsmouth	35	13	8	14	60	55	34
Sheffield U.	36	14	5	17	78	77	33
Birmingham	33	13	7	13	54	49	33
Sunderland	33	13	7	13	55	64	33
Arsenal	33	13	6	14	57	48	32
Burnley	37	12	8	17	68	87	32
Middlesbrough	35	14	3	18	71	74	31
M'chester U.	35	13	5	17	55	72	31
Newcastle	33	12	3	18	61	82	27
Everton	35	8	10	17	59	70	26
Grimsby	34	10	6	18	60	79	26

Is It a Full-time Job for Players?

WELSHMAN'S OPINIONS

Rowe Harding, the Welsh Rugby Internationalist, and Cambridge University "Blue", has recently expressed the opinion that professional football as a career, in a full-time capacity, is one which is not in the best interests of the player. In giving such an opinion, he does not in any way detract from the merits of "Soccer" as a game; rather does he give it unstinted praise. Nor does he deplore professionalism as such, but what he does think is that, where a man is devoting the whole of his time to football as a means of livelihood, he is very often left with too much time on his hands. He sees a danger in that to the extent of a possible demoralising effect on the player when his active days are over.

Coming from such a source, that opinion is rather apt to be generally accepted as a fact, but, before arriving at such a conclusion, one would be well advised to make a study of the position as far as it is possible to do so. Possibly when he formed his opinion, Harding would have regard to the position as it affected the professional clubs in the South, and hearing that in mind, perhaps it would be advisable to pursue the subject at this juncture from the angle of a full-time professional player coming within the scope of the British Football Association. If so, what do we find?

It is common practice for the British League clubs to run three teams—the League eleven, a second eleven, and an A or Colts eleven. Large staffs of players are required. It is a general rule for the Colts to participate solely in mid-week games, and in some parts of Britain competitions are organised to give a continuity of fixtures. With professional football now so well organised, and what one might term part and parcel of the life of a community, these Colts are essential to the well-being of the big clubs as feeders for the League.

At the beginning, and at the end of a season, League games during mid-week are the rule rather than the exception, and any club securing a fair measure of Cup tie success must of necessity take part in mid-week football to wipe out the arrears of their League fixtures.

Having shown to what extent professional football in first-class circles is played on days other than Saturdays, the next point is to consider the composition of the League geographically. A glance at the map will show that long railway journeys have to be undertaken in the course of a season, which call for absence from the headquarters of a club of the players, in some cases for two days.

Apart altogether from the present industrial situation, which would almost debar a professional from serving two masters, what employer of labour, even in normal times, would ever dream of having on his staff a man who would of necessity, if he were a professional footballer, require to be away from business for days on end in the interest of a football club? The answer is pretty sure—none.

Difference in Scotland.
There are some lucky players, of course, who, by special arrange-

Our Sports Diary

LOCAL

Football—To-day—Division I.—Club v. Somerset; Police v. Recreation; Division II. St. Joseph's v. Navy; Club v. Eastern; Chinese Athletic "A" v. R.A.; Somerset v. S. China "A"; University v. Ewo, 5 p.m.

Thursday—Referees' Association, 5.30 p.m.
Saturday—Junior and Senior Shield Finals; Division I.—Chinese Athletic v. Kowloon F.C.; Division II.—H.K.F.C. v. Kowloon F.C.; Somerset v. University; South China "A" v. Ewo; St. Joseph's v. R.A.

Tennis—To-day—H.K.C.C. Tournament (weather permitting).

Hockey—To-day—Club v. H.K.S.R.A., Marina ground, 5.15 p.m.

Friday—Club v. H.K.S.R.A., King's Park, 4.45 p.m.

Cricket—Saturday—Division I: Winners v. The Rest; Division II: League; Hong Kong C.C. v. I.R.C.; Friendly—R.A.O.C. v. University, Wai-fong v. Tai-koo.

Racing—April 5 and April 19-21—Extra Race Meetings.

Fanling Hunt—April 12—April Meeting, Kwant, 3 p.m.

Golf—Saturday—Captain's Cup, Fanling.

Yachting and Rowing—April 12—Yacht Club Interport closing cruise.

Rifle Shooting—April 20 and 21—Volunteers' annual rifle meeting, Stonecutters.

HOME

Rugby Football—April 21—France v. Wales.

Association Football—April 5—England v. Scotland (Wembley).

April 12—Amateur Cup Final.

April 26—English Cup Final—Arsenal v. Huddersfield, Wembley.

Rowing—April 12—Oxford v. Cambridge.

Racing—April 28—Irish 1,000 Guineas, Curragh.

Hockey—April 5—England v. France.

April 19—England v. Holland.

ment, manage to combine business and football. But as far as the actual playing of the game is concerned, it will be seen that the player's time is pretty well occupied in travelling to and from a game, so that he has not much opportunity for idling.

Now one might ask what he is doing when he is at the club's headquarters on days other than match days. The answer is keeping himself fit, and a call at an English League club's ground, when training is in progress, would convince the uninitiated that during these forenoon and afternoon training hours the player puts in a hard day's work with little idle time.

In Scotland where, with very few exceptions, only First Division League clubs employ full-time men, the position is slightly different owing to the geographical situation of the clubs. Here it is possible for a player to combine business and football with a greater degree of success than his English brother.

Reviewing the facts as now placed before us, it is possible to

TENNIS.

E. C. Fincher in the Semi-Final.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

E. C. Fincher defeated Ho Ka-lau yesterday at the H.K.C.C., thus entering the semi-final of the Open Championship Singles.

Fincher played a forcing game and Ho Ka-lau was often flustered with the swiftness of his opponent's attack. The Chinese played pluckily and effected some well placed back hand shots, but he was no match for Fincher who held the upper hand throughout, with the exception of the third set which he lost after some splendid tennis.

The full scores were:—
Open Singles—E. C. Fincher beat Ho Ka-lau 6-1, 6-3, 1-6, 6-1.

Handicap Singles "A"—H. Owen Hughes (owe 4/6) beat E. R. Price (rec. 2/6) 6-3, 6-1.

Handicap Singles "B"—Dr. C. H. Burton (rec. 15) beat M. D. Scott (scr.) 6-0, 6-1.

Handicap Doubles—Very Rev. Dean Alfred Swann and L. Forster (owe 3/6) beat H. Graves and C. G. Johnston (rec. 4/6) 6-1, 6-1.

The match between S. E. and D. S. Green against E. J. R. Mitchell and G. E. R. Divett was stopped after the score had reached one set all and 8-8.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

To-day's programme promises some excellent tennis. The Rumjahn brothers come into conflict for the right of entry into the semi-final. This game should be full of thrills and it is extraordinarily hard to predict the winner, though C. A. L. play gives the impression that he will just do it.

The other Open Singles match is the game between the present Champion, M. W. Lo, and Ng Sze-cheung. This match has been attempted on two previous occasions, but had to be abandoned when the players were on equal terms.

The full programme is as follows:—

Open Singles (fourth round):—C. A. L. Rumjahn v. S. A. Rumjahn; (third round), M. W. Lo v. Ng Sze-cheung.

Handicap Singles "A"—P. W. J. Planner (rec. 5/6) v. Dr. L. T. Ride (owe 1/6); I. S. Harris (rec. 2/6) v. Very Rev. Dean Swann (rec. 2/6).

Handicap Singles "B"—C. de Bruyn (rec. 4/6) v. H. Graves (rec. 4/6).

A HIT FOR 56!

The Brightest Cricket in the World.

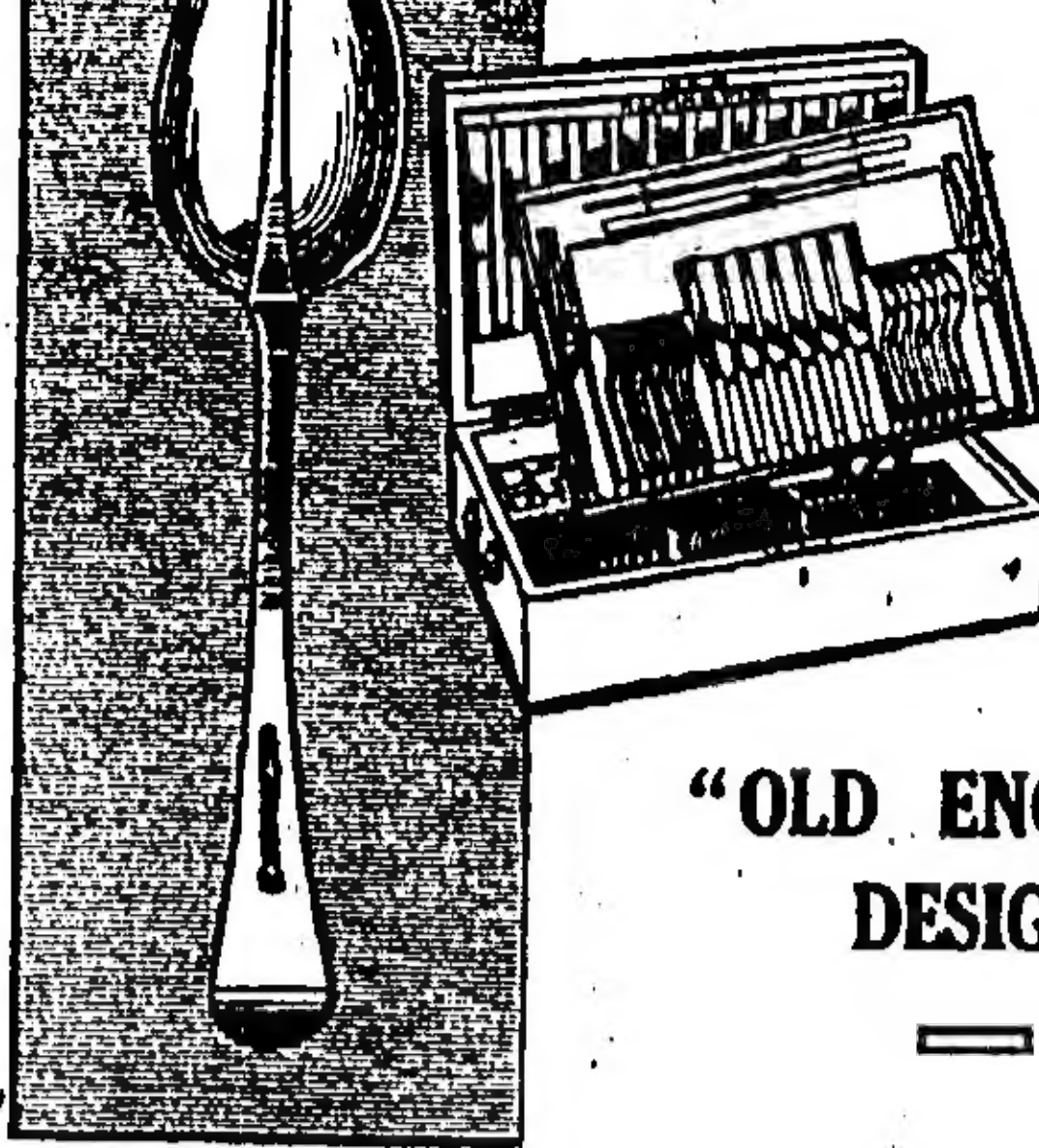
England and Australia should send all their slow-scoring batsmen to the Solomon Islands for a lesson, for there is played the brightest cricket in the world. The time-limit for two-innings a side matches is 2½ hours and there is no such thing as playing for a draw.

In one match recently 56 runs were scored from one stroke. The ball was hit into the sea and the square leg fieldman, strongly objecting to "wetting" his skin in the cause of cricket, was finally thrown into the water after it by the other members of the side.

On another occasion a ball was hit into a tree, and the lost-ball rule not applying and the tree being unclimbable, the fielding side procured an axe and cut the tree down, the batsmen meanwhile piling up the runs.

answer our question. "Is professional football a full-time job?" in the affirmative. Moreover, with the class of men who to-day are in the profession, it is safe to say that in the majority of cases they are making provision for the day when their playing days must end. Many players in the past made good in business after leaving the arena, and we may safely leave it to the present-day generation, with the added educational facilities they have enjoyed, to do even better than their predecessors.

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BILLIARDS.

New Zealand Player Disappoints.

The New Zealand champion, Clark McConachy, was extremely disappointed over his first game in London, the attendance throughout being far below what he had been led to expect. While his, and Newman's, play was on the whole quite interesting, and the 938 by which McConachy won just about represented the difference between them, it is quite feasible to suppose it would have shown some improvement in quality had the prevailing conditions not been so depressing.

There are not wanting signs that public enthusiasm is on the wane, in London at least, for, in distinct contrast to former occasions, very few people showed any desire to see Lindrum when he began his six weeks' season at the Memorial Hall. One explanation of the fact is that many people, who might otherwise have rushed to the hall, were content with the prospect of seeing him at any time during his stay.

Amazing Skill
The amazing scoring skill of Lindrum was illustrated when he reached a quarter million points since the start of his tour in October (against the aggregate of his opponents of 209,728). This is a world record. Lindrum to-day made his forty-ninth thousand break with 1,012 compiled in thirty-five minutes.

McConachy beat Lindrum, the scores being Lindrum 23,787 and McConachy 24,224.

Steve McCall has many critics, but there are others who are prepared to swear that he is capable of beating even Len Harvey. While I am not prepared to go so far as that, I do believe that he has the makings of something far above the ordinary.—A Daily Chronicle writer.

G. P. S. Macpherson proved on Saturday (mail week), without a doubt an oft-repeated contention that he is not only the best centre three-quarter in the four countries to-day, but is probably the outstanding man in his position since the war, not excluding G. V. Stephenson at his best.—A Daily Express writer.

EXCHANGES

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS

Bank, wire	1/8
Bank, on demand	1/8 1/16
Bank, 30 day's sight	1/8
Bank, 4 months' sight	1/8 3/16
Credits, 4 months' sight	1/7
Documentary, 4 months' sight	1/7 1/4
On demand	932 1/2
Credits, 4 months' sight	1007 1/2
On Berlin	—
On demand	—
On New York	—
On demand	36%
Credits, 60 days' sight	38 1/4
On Bombay	—
Wire	101
On demand	101
On Calcutta	—
Wire	101
On demand	101
On Singapore	—
On demand	65
On Manila	—
On demand	124 1/4
On Shanghai	—
On demand	78 1/2
80 day's sight (private paper)	—
On Yokohama	—
On demand	78 1/2
Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per tael)	—
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	12.80
Silver (per oz.)	19 7/16
Bar Silver in Hong Kong	Par.
Copper Cash	Nominal
Copper Cents	3% prem.
Rate of Native Interest	6% p.a.
Chinese Sub. Coin	22 1/2% dis.
Hong Kong Sub. Coin	1/4% dis.

LONDON EXCHANGES

Rugby, Yesterday.	
Paris	124.275
New York	4.86 15/32
Brussels	84.87
Geneva	25.13
Amsterdam	12.12
Milan	92.83
Berlin	20.375
Stockholm	18.095
Copenhagen	18.17
Celo	18.17
Vienna	84.515
Prague	164 1/2

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

Opening Daily Official Quotations 2nd April, 1930

STOCK	Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Non.	Fin. year	Last dividend and when paid
Banks.						
Hong Kong Bank ...	...	...	...	1400	Dec.	[Final] 41 s/o 1929 ... Feb. 24, 29
Chartered Bank ...	...	...	...	191	Dec.	[Final] 17 s/o 1929 ... Pending
Mercantile Bk., A.B.L. ...	...	...	...	30	Dec.	[Final] 20 s/o 1929 ... Pending
Bank of Asia ...	102	...	...	...	Dec.	23 for 1929 ... Feb. 28, 29
Insurance.						
Canon Ins.	310	...	910	...	Dec.	[Final] 62 s/o 1929 ... May 23, 29
Union Ins.	435	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final] 10 s/o 1929 ... May 24, 29
China Underwriters ...	140	...	11/85	...	Dec.	None ...
China Fire Ins. ...	350	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final] 20 s/o 1929 ... May 24, 29
H. K. Fire Ins. ...	303	...	900	...	Dec.	217 for 1929 ... Mar. 20, 29
Shipping.						
Douglas ...	...	...	121	...	Dec.	Last dividend for 1929 ...
H. K. Steamboats ...	...	...	261	...	Dec.	[Final] 10 s/o 1929 ... Mar. 4, 29
Indo-China (Pref.) ...	...	...	...	43	Dec.	[Final] 20 s/o 1929 ... June 19, 29
Shell Transport ...	...	...	...	97/6	Dec.	[Final] 20 s/o 1929 ... J&S. 6, 29
Union Waterboats ...	20	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final] 10 s/o 1929 ... Mar. 10, 29
Mining.						
Benguet ...	6.85	...	...	...	Dec.	Interim 50 cents s/o 1929 ... Dec. — 29
Kailan Mining Ad. s/-	...	...	...	58/0	June	[Final] 20 s/o 1929 ... Dec. 17, 29
Langkat (Comb.) ...	...	...	18/0	...	Oct.	Last div. for year 21-10-27 ...
S'hai Exploration ...	...	...	1.80	...	Dec.	None ...
Loans ...	...	...	540	...	Dec.	Last dividend for 1929 ...
Rams ...	20	...	20	...	Mar.	Second Int. 17 s/o year 21-3-30 ... Mar. 25, 29
Troch Mines ...	...	...	21/-	...	Dec.	4th. Int. 17 s/o year 21-3-30 ... Sep. 30, 29
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.						
H. K. & K. Wharves ...	125	...	156	...	Dec.	20 for 1929 ... Mar. 18, 29
H. K. & W. Docks ...	34	...	...	...	Dec.	Last dividend for 1929 ...
China Docks ...	...	...	540	...	Dec.	Last dividend for 1929 ...
Hongkong ...	322 1/2	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final] 20 s/o 1929 ... Mar. 31, 29
N. Engineering ...	3	...	...	...	Dec.	T. 20 s/o for 1929 ... Feb. 25, 29
Shanghai Docks ...	130	...	...	...	Apr.	T. 20 s/o for year 20-4-27 ... July 27, 29
Cotton Mills.						
Ewo Cottons ...	...	...	181	...	Dec.	[Final] 20 s/o 1929 ... Mar. 17, 29
S'hai Cotton (old) ...	...	...	...	80	Apr.	[Final] 20 s/o for year 21-10-27 ... Nov. 25, 29
S'hai Cotton (new) ...	...	...	...	78	Oct.	[Final] 20 s/o for year 21-10-27 ...
Zoong Sing ...	...	...	...	10	June	T. 20 s/o for year 20-4-27 ... Oct. 11, 29
Lands, Hotels & Buildings.						
H. K. & S. Hotels ...	...	...	13.80	...	Dec.	50 cents for 1929 ... Pending
H. K. Lands ...	78	73/4	...	...	Dec.	[Final] 20 s/o 1929 ... Feb. 12, 29
Shanghai Lands ...	...	...	340	...	Dec.	[Final] 20 s/o 1929 ... Mar. 12, 29
Humphreys ...	...	...	14	...	Dec.	[Final] 20 s/o 1929 ... Feb. 6, 29
H. K. Realities ...	3.80	3 1/2	...	...	Dec.	[Final] 20 cents s/o 1929 ... Mar. 24, 29
Chinese Estates ...	38	...	...	...	Feb.	21 for year 20-2-29 ... Jan. 5, 29
Public Utilities.						
H. K. Tramways ...	...	...	311	212 1/2	Dec.	[Final] 50 cents s/o 1929 ... Mar. 15, 29
Peak Tram (old) ...	...	...	...	11 1/2	Apr.	[Final] 20 s/o for year 21-10-27 ... June 7, 29
Star Ferry ...	...	...	...	72	Dec.	[Final] 20 s/o 1929 ... Feb. 14, 29
China Light (old) ...	...	...	231	...	Sept.	[Final] 20 s/o 1929 ... Mar. 12, 29
China Light (new) ...	...	...	181	18	Dec.	[Final] 20 s/o 1929 ... Mar. 12, 29
H. K. Electric ...	...	...	78	...	Dec.	25.50 for 1929 ...
Macao ...	28	...	...	...	Dec.	None ...
Sandakan Light ...	...	...	...	5.65	June	None ...
H. K. Telephones ...	...	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final] 10 cents s/o 1929 ... Mar. 15, 29
China Buses ...	19	...	...	...	Dec.	T. 20 s/o for 1929 ... Feb. 11, 29
S'hai Tram (old) ...	...	...	10/-	...	Sept.	[Final] 20 s/o for year 21-10-27 ... Feb. 6, 29
Industrial.	16/3	...	...	...	Sept.	[Final] 20 s/o for year 21-10-27 ... Feb. 6, 29
Industrial.						
China Sugars ...	80.5	...	...	...	In Liquidation.	...
Malayan Sugars ...	...	...	...	...	Dec.	2 for 1929 ... April 11, 29
Cald Macg. Ord. ...	...	...	...	...	Dec.	Interim 10 cents in May 1929 ...
Canon Ins ...	...	...	...	...	July	None ...
Cement (comb.) ...	16	10 1/2	16/15	30	Dec.	[Final] 20 cents on old ... Mar. 19, 29
H. K. Ropes ...	7.15	...	...	...	Dec.	Last dividend for 1929 ...
United Asbestos ...	5	...	...	...	...	...
Stores, &c.						
Dairy Farms ...	22 1/2	23	22 1/2	...	Dec.	10.80 for 1929 ... Mar. 14, 29
Watsons ...	...	...	30.80	K.D.	Oct.	70 cents for year 21-10-29 ... Mar. 31, 29
Lane A Wings ...	90 c.	...	...	...	...	...
Der Crawford ...	2 1/2	...	...	...	Feb.	Last dividend for year 20-2-29 ...
Mackintosh ...	18	...	...	...	Feb.	2 for year 20-2-29 ... April 11, 29
Sincores ...	...	...	...	12	...	...
Wm. Powells ...	2.85	...	...	...	Feb.	25 cents for year 20-2-29 ... June 10, 29
Miscellaneous.						
H. K. Amusement ...	28 1/2	...	...	...	Mar.	[Final] 20 s/o for year 21-10-27 ... July 5, 29
H. K. Construction ...	...	...	...	1.90	Dec.	None ...
B. Ind. G.S. Bonds ...	63 1/2	...	...	...	...	...
H. K. Govt. Loans ...	7 1/2	...	...	...	...	Interest half yearly.
Helsingfors ... 193						
Madrid ... 38.95						
Lisbon ... 103.30						
Athens ... 375						
Bucharest ... 43 8/32						
Bombay ... 1/5 27/32						
Shanghai ... 1/10 %						
Yokohama ... 2/0 18/32						
Hong Kong ... 1/6						
Silver Spot ... 19 7/16						
Silver Forward ... 19 1/2						
—British Wireless Service						

World News In Pictures

Another Arctic Epic.



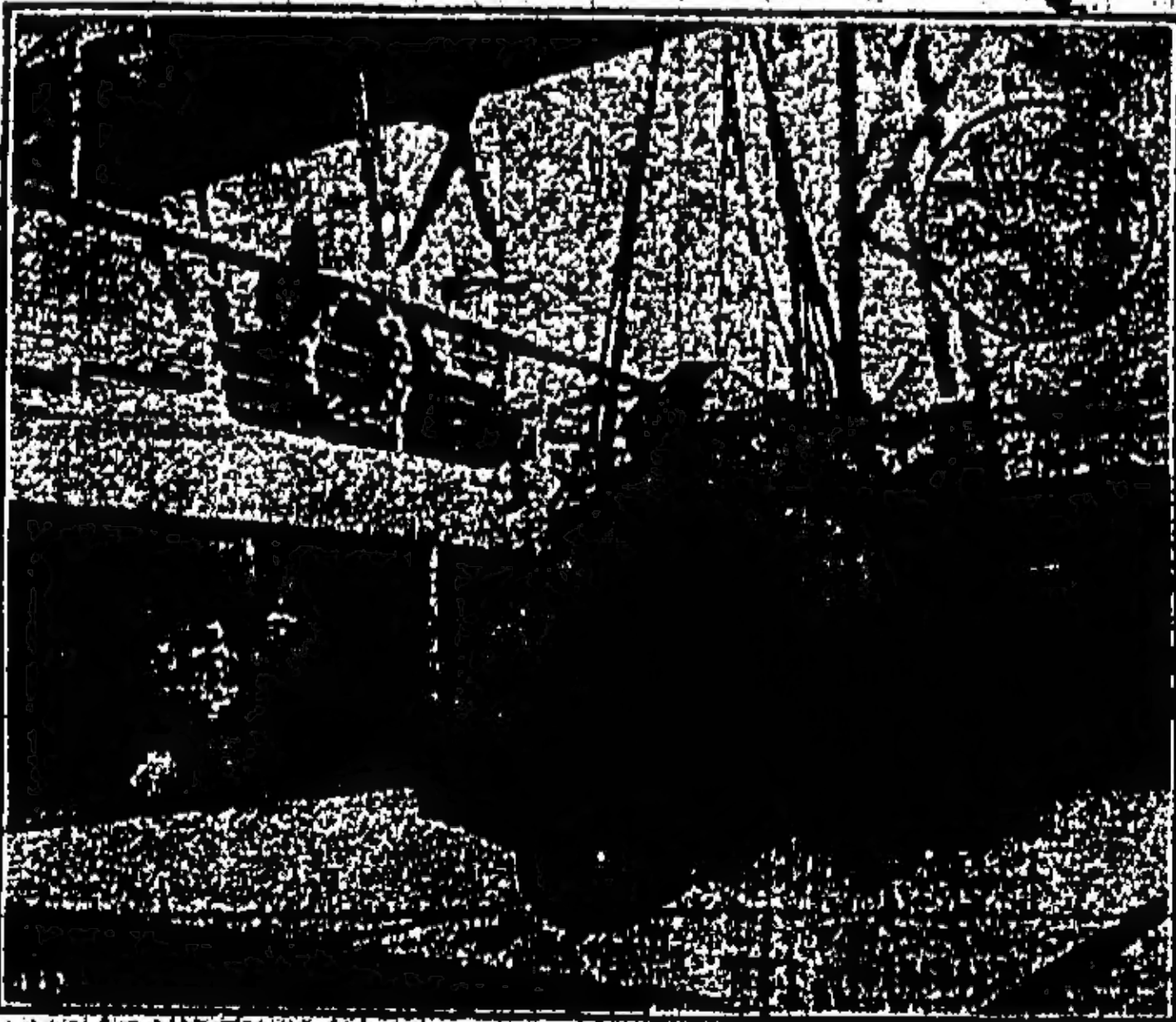
(At right) Ole Eliason, father of Carl Ben Eliason, lost Arctic flyer, with Arthur Johnson, Eliason's successor in Alaska, discussing plans for the return of the aviator's body. The discussion took place just before they sailed for Fairbanks, Alaska, on the steamer Northwestern. The disappearance of Eliason and Borland while on their rescue flight, and the subsequent search for the missing airmen, constitute one of the most stirring chapters in the aviation history of the Northland.

Serum for Psittacosis.



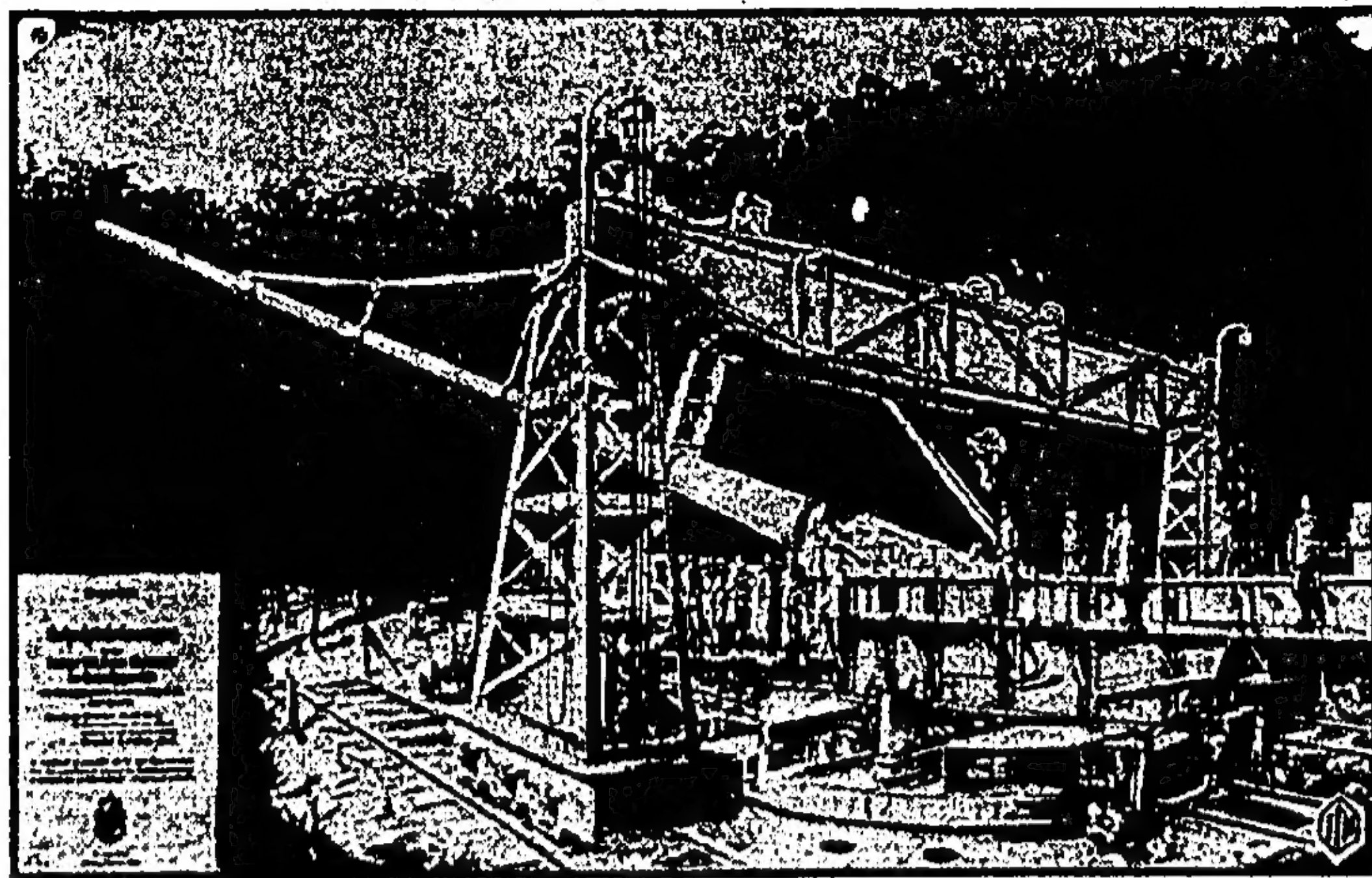
Dr. William Royal Stokes, Director of the Baltimore Health Department's Bureau of Bacteriology, who is suffering from psittacosis, or parrot fever, has been given a serum from the blood of a person who has recovered from the disease. The serum was the first of the sort ever made at the Department.

The Christmas Mail!



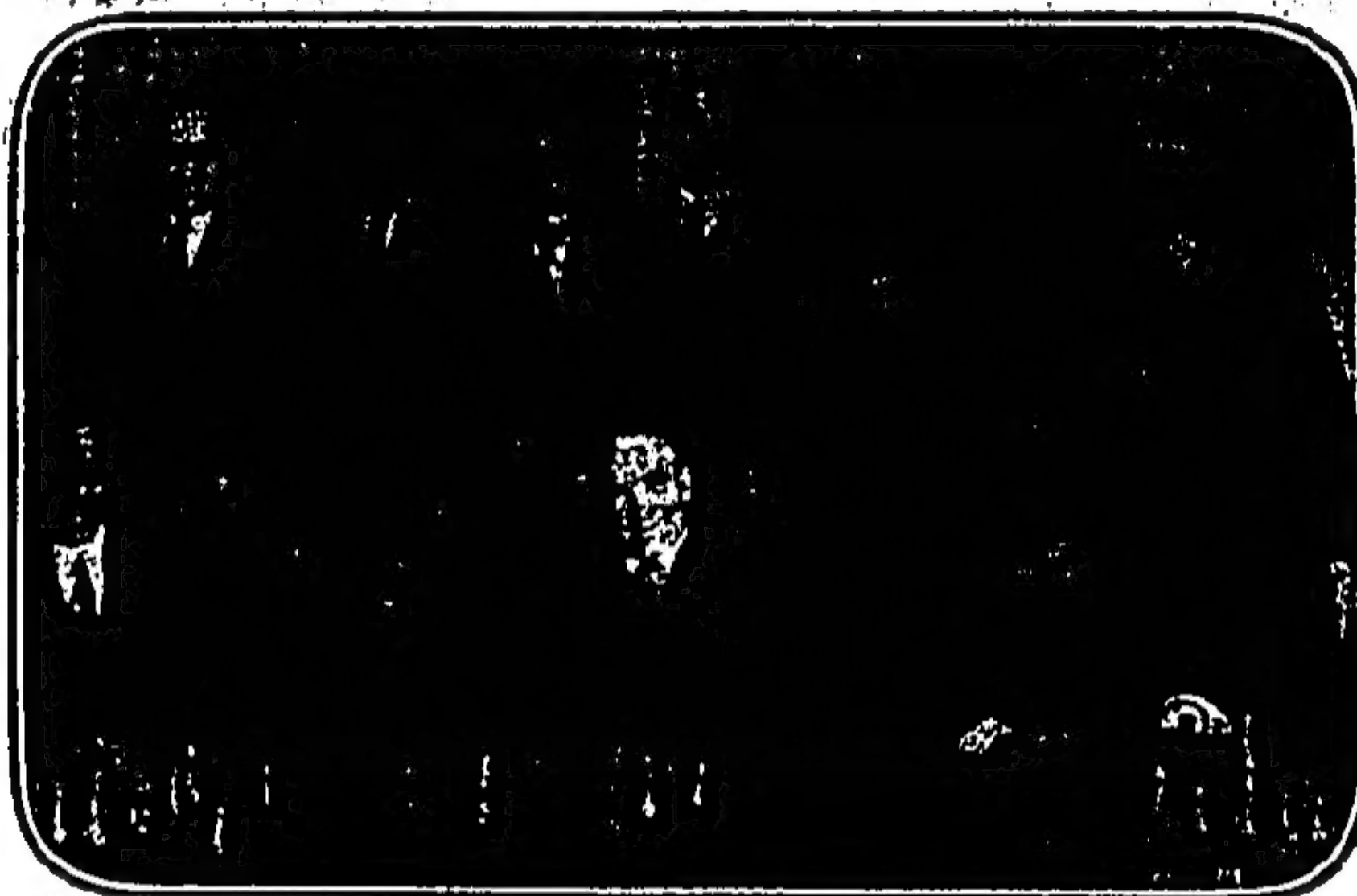
The Christmas mail is the most important of the year, and it is the duty of every family to see that it is properly handled. The Christmas mail is the most important of the year, and it is the duty of every family to see that it is properly handled. The Christmas mail is the most important of the year, and it is the duty of every family to see that it is properly handled.

German Mystery Gun of 1918.



Above is the first drawing published showing one of the German mystery guns which shelled Paris in 1918 from a distance of seventy-five miles. The drawing was prepared by Colonel H. W. Miller, who was chief engineer in charge of heavy artillery in the U.S. Army during the war, and is used as one of the illustrations of his new book. Notice the long, lean barrel of the "Big Bertha." Its turret is mounted on wheels embracing several railroad tracks.

Group of Chess Enthusiasts.



Group of chess enthusiasts at a party given by Mr. M. J. Danenberg, Hon. Secretary of the International Chess Club, at his residence in 150 Route de Soeurs, Shanghai, among whom are some of the past and present Champions of Shanghai, Hong Kong, Harbin and Czechoslovakia. Left to right, sitting: P. C. de Souza, M. J. Danenberg, L. G. Fynland and G. C. Montalvo de Jesus (author of "Historic Shanghai"); standing: J. F. da Silva, S. Fynland, L. Silva, M. Diamant, C. Souza, Noronha. (S. M. Sametti).

Royal Personages at Carnival.



Count Alexander von Hochberg of Pless, with Princess Ileana of Roumania, and her mother, the dowager Queen Marie, watching the Winter sports carnival from their box during their recent visit to Sinaia, the famous Roumanian resort.

Cave Dwelling in Meadows.



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ALLEGED MURDERER PLEADS INSANITY

MAY BE SENT BACK TO HONG
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HIGH COURT TO DECIDE.

Manila, March 28.
The question of whether Chan Sam, otherwise known as Chan Ah Woi, alleged murderer of his half-brother, Cha Ah Kim, late owner of the grocery store of Ah Gok and Sons, should be detained at the San Lazaro Hospital or released from the institution and sent back to Hong Kong, will be argued this morning before the local Supreme Court.

Chan Ah Woi was sent to the hospital for confinement by order of Judge Pedro Compion, of the court of first instance of Manila, on February 27, 1929, on his own plea of insanity upon arraignment on the charge of murdering his brother. Another order of the judge authorizing a release recently was left ineffective when the local supreme court issued a preliminary order in favour of the widow of the deceased.

At the hearing today Lazaro Pormarejo, local attorney, will fight for the liberty of his client, Chan Ah Woi. He will be opposed by former Judge George R. Harvey, who will tell the court that the courts, particularly the courts of first instance, have jurisdiction over the question of releasing insane persons from the hospital. The question is for the director of the institution alone to decide, the former member of the local judiciary will tell the tribunal.

CHINESE ICANADA

No Privileges to Foreigners!

Vancouver, Feb. 15.

China has a new away extra-territoriality clause in her foreign treaties that a stroke of the pen, has not given to aliens her midst those privileges in return which are accorded Chinese who go to other countries. Chinese in Canada, for instance, are free to come and throughout the country than Canadians and Britons in China in the latter country foreigners are practically on sufferance wherever they go. In other words return for sweeping away all privileges to foreigners, Chinese not given generalized privilege. The situation thus created an opportunity, unlikely to occur again in the same way, negotiations with China for return to her shores of the Chinese population in this country. It is now enjoying pages that are not being accorded British residents and travel in China. The Nationalist Government is pursuing a policy of ridding China of foreigners in the process it should be able to reciprocate arrangements to be made whereby a problem which has agitated this province for over two decades can be solved.—Daily Colonist.

Sir Edward Ala has been appointed Clerk of Parliament in succession to Sir Hugh Thring.

BANGKOK MYSTERY. Prisoner Vanishes Before Guards' Eyes.

A CONVICT COLONEL.

Bangkok, March 21.
Lieutenant Colonel Phra Sanbayuddh, convicted of misappropriating army funds, has mysteriously disappeared from the military jail in the Ministry of War. He was missed at 11 p.m. March 20.

The police have been informed of the escape and strict watch is being kept at every known port and means of exit from Siamese territory.

Phra Sanbayuddh had an eight hour start, for the incident, although a case of strict emergency, was not reported to the General Commanding Officer until early this morning. In turn H. H. Prince Pavardaj, Minister of War, was not informed of the escape until at 10 a.m. this morning.

Acting upon a "tip," the Sathorn police searched the home of Phra Sanbayuddh in Sathorn road this morning but no trace of the officer could be found.

The wives of the officer denied that Phra Sanbayuddh had visited them during the night.

Phra Sanbayuddh is the main figure in the wholesale fraud of the First Army Corps funds, involving large sums of money. He was arrested when serving as the accountant of the First Army Corps over a year ago, when irregularities in the accounts became known.

The actual means of escape of the officer has not yet been definitely determined. However, officers of the guards company stationed at the Ministry of War last evening, including the guards themselves, are now in custody for examination.

According to the brief investigations this morning, Phra Sanbayuddh was allowed to go into a lavatory last night. Since then he has not been seen.

It was toward 11 p.m. when the prisoner called to the sentinel who was stationed in front of the cell and requested that he be permitted to go to the lavatory which was a separate room from the cell although both are situated in the same hall. The request was communicated to Sub-Lieutenant Chueh Mangarasthien, officer in charge of the guards, who gave his assent. It was stated that such a request had never been permitted before during the night, other arrangements being made in such cases.

Guard Suspicious

The lavatory was about five yards away from the cell, being in a gloomy corner. Phra Sanbayuddh had been in the lavatory for about 15 minutes when the guard, Private Koerd Yemsri, who was standing guard from the beginning, became suspicious and opened the closet, to find that the room was empty. A strong which the prisoner had carried into the room with him was hung up, covering the hole from which one could see into the room from outside.

The escape was immediately reported to the officer in charge, whereupon a search was made in every nook and corner in the building for the missing man, but with no result.

There is no other opening in the lavatory except a well-barred window and front door before

which stood the guard. The theory of the escape is that the prisoner, somehow or other, came out of the room and slipped past the guard, proceeding to the front entrance of the building and then reached the street. Guards were also stationed in front of the main entrance. It was mystifying how a person could slip out unnoticed. There was no evidence of the lavatory being undermined or its walls drilled.

Persons living near the Ministry of War said that towards 11 p.m. a car was seen parked under the shadow of a large tree near Lak Muang, close to the Criminal Court building. Apparently the prisoner escaped in this machine as it was not seen at 11.30 p.m.

When the case was reported to Lieutenant General Phya Siharaj Dejojaya this morning, the officer made a personal inspection of the scene. Sub-Lieutenant Chueh Mangarasthien, Sub-Lieutenant Chaleram Javanakul, Corporal Bhan Bhasiri and the 10 guards were then placed in custody.

A report was made to H. H. Prince Pavardaj this morning at 10 o'clock. His Highness was indisposed and has not been at his office since Monday.

Complaints Of Ill Health.

A few days previously, Phra Sanbayuddh complained that his health was seriously affected. Upon his petition Phya Aruraved (M. Carthew) was permitted to examine him and the medical report was to the effect that the nervous system as well as the general physical condition of the prisoner was really bad, whereupon Phra Sanbayuddh made a petition to be released on bail, pending his petition to the Dika Court. This was denied by H. H. Prince Pavardaj, who foresaw undesirable complications resulting from the release.

Apparently the household of Phra Sanbayuddh did not know of the escape for at 9 o'clock this morning, a servant from the house brought the prisoner's meal as usual. Upon arriving at the guards' room he was informed that his master had escaped.

The wholesale fraud case, in which Phra Sanbayuddh is involved together with some two or three officers, was one of the most sensational that had ever occurred in the Ministry of War. Every development of the case was followed with keen interest by the public.

Eleven Suits Filed.

The money involved, although a definite figure has not been determined, amounted to Tca. 400,000. Because the alleged misappropriations were made at different times and at different figures, the case was divided into separate suits. In all there were eleven of these suits filed against Phra Sanbayuddh alone. Of these the military court had found the defendant guilty in one instance and sentenced Phra Sanbayuddh to 7 years' imprisonment: this decision was appealed by the defendant and the case is now pending in the Dika Court. Other cases against him are still pending in the Military Court.—Bangkok Daily Mail.

Founded in 1913, the London Philharmonic Society was Britain's first association of orchestral players; the New York Philharmonic, the oldest permanent orchestral association in the United States, gave its first concert in 1842.

CONSTABLE SHOT.

Exciting chase in Tientsin.

SEVEN ARRESTS MADE.

Tientsin, March 20.

A serious shooting affair occurred on the British Bund on Tuesday night which has led to the apprehension of a whole gang of desperadoes.

It appears that at 9.30 p.m. on Tuesday night the B.M.C. Police Constable No. 273 was on duty on the Bund when he saw a Chinese cyclist coming towards him without a light. He suspected the man of having stolen the bicycle and stopped him. When he stopped him the constable's suspicions were redoubled on account of his actions. He saw the man put his hand inside his gown and came to the conclusion that he had a pistol. He therefore immediately closed with him but in the struggle the man managed to draw his weapon and shot the constable in the stomach. Although badly wounded the courageous policeman hung on to his man and eventually disarmed him. In doing so, he was severely bitten in the hand.

The cyclist then broke away and fled on foot up the Bund but a B.M.C. detective who had heard the shot gave chase to the fleeing figure. After a fierce chase up Ewo Road the desperado fled into Victoria Road and the detective shouted to the policeman on point duty to blow his whistle and join in the chase. He did so and they both ran after the man down Victoria Road. The constable on duty near Whiteway and Laidlaw's shop window saw what was happening and hid in a doorway and as the fugitive passed him, leapt out and grabbed hold of him. They fell on the ground and there was a struggle but the other police officers came up and the man was made a prisoner and taken to the B.M.C. Police Station.

Robbery in a Village.

On being searched a sum of \$600 in notes and about 70 rounds of Mauser ammunition were found in his possession. He admitted having shot the policeman on the Bund and treated the matter as a great joke saying it was just a matter of bad luck. On being further interrogated he admitted that at eight o'clock the same evening he had, with two other men, been concerned in an armed robbery at a rice shop in a small village two miles to the south of the ex-German Concession and said that the money found in his possession was the proceeds of this robbery. The bicycle which he had been riding was stolen from the same place.

Subsequently the B.M.C. Police, with the co-operation of the French Police, arrested seven men on suspicion of being connected with the same robbery. It would appear that all these men are members of a large gang of desperate robbers who have been operating for some time past in neighbouring Chinese territory.

The wounded B.M.C. policeman, to whose determined courage the rounding-up of the gang is largely due, was taken to hospital. He is in a serious condition, the bullet having passed right through the abdomen.

Ten Robbers in Custody

Tientsin, March 21.
The B.M.C. Police have now effected ten arrests in connection with the armed robbery case at a village south of the ex-German Concession which was followed by the shooting of a police constable on the British Bund on Tuesday night.

Unfortunately the gallant constable who was shot, C.P.C. 273 (Han Yuen-chai), died in hospital at 7.45 on Wednesday evening from his wound. He had been shot through the abdomen, the bullet tearing the liver. He was about thirty years of age, a married man with two children, and was one of the most promising constables in the force in which he had served for two years. Before his death he was promoted Corporal for his distinguished conduct on Tuesday night.

In addition to making the ten arrests, the Police found in a house in the notorious Lao Si-Kai district a second Mauser pistol and also a Browning pistol and a quantity of ammunition. The smartness of the work of the police is amply demonstrated by the fact that by 8 a.m. on Wednesday seven men had been arrested while the whole ten members of the gang were in custody by 9 a.m. It is believed that the whole gang has now been rounded up.

The man who shot the police constable is the head of the gang and is one of the most desperate criminals it has been the lot of the police to deal with for some time. His name is Kwan Teh-sheng and according to his own confession he has spent the last ten years of his life in a career of wholesale murder and robbery.

Lu Hsing-chung, Lu Wen-lu and Han Chao-chi actively assisted him in carrying it out. The gang had their headquarters in Lao Si-Kai and apparently after the robbery, the miscreant Kwan took the stolen bicycle and the booty and was proceeding to cycle with it to the headquarters at Lao Si-Kai when he met the constable on the British Bund. It was evidently the intention that the gang should meet at their headquarters and there partition the proceeds of the robbery.

So quick were the police on their trail after the apprehension of Kwan that all the robbers were taken in their beds.

In his callous statement to the police the murderer states that he originally served with the Army which he left about ten years ago. Since that time he has gained his livelihood by a campaign of murder and armed robbery, operating entirely in Chinese territory and avoiding the Concessions. He admits to having committed at least seven murders in recent years but says there may be more as his memory fails him. Last July Kwan says he kidnapped the keeper of the Hung Feng Rice Shop at Feng Lin Tsun Hotung, Tientsin, and later shot him dead.—P. & T. Times.

R.C. MISSIONARIES

To Remain at Posts in China.

Vatican City, Mar. 26.

"Remain at your posts" is the order that continues to go from here to the 218 American Catholic missionaries and the others of various nationalities in China.

In spite of the ominous conditions in China and the recent murder of two missionaries, including an Italian bishop, the Vatican feels that the missionaries should remain at their posts for the time being.

[The dire plight of the Catholic missionaries in China became known recently when it was learned that eleven of them were trapped in Kanchow by communist bandits and were in grave danger of losing their lives. The American department of state took the position that the missionaries were justified in remaining at their posts; but expressed a hope that they would withdraw until peace was restored.]

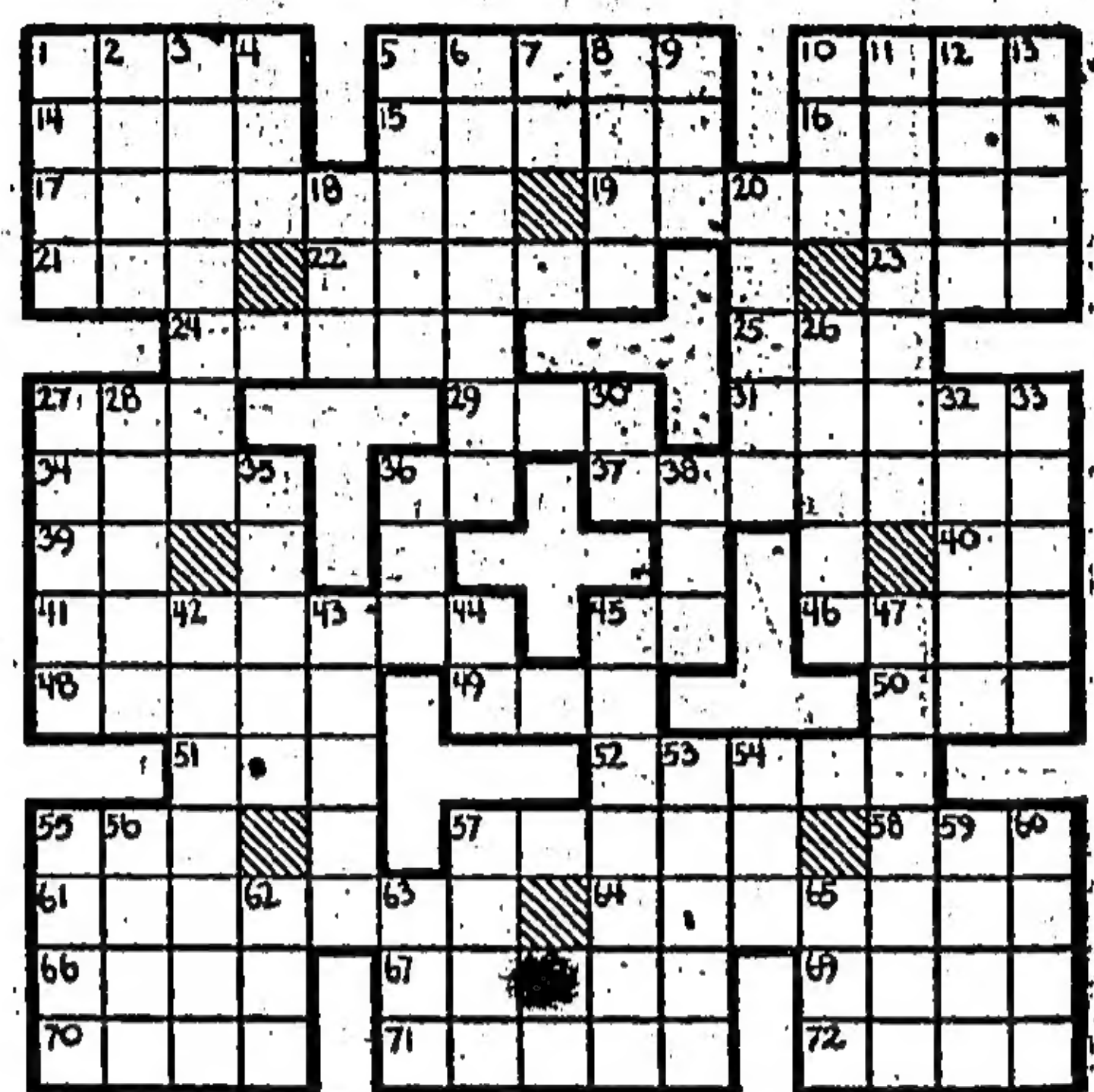
YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

DOWN
1-Native ruler of India
2-Utterer through the mouth
3-A handkerchief
4-An Australian bird
5-Mistake
6-Village in N. E. Illinois
7-A musical note
8-To catch sight of
9-A number
10-An African antelope
11-That may be named
12-A river of England
13-To take care of
14-Mohammedan proper name

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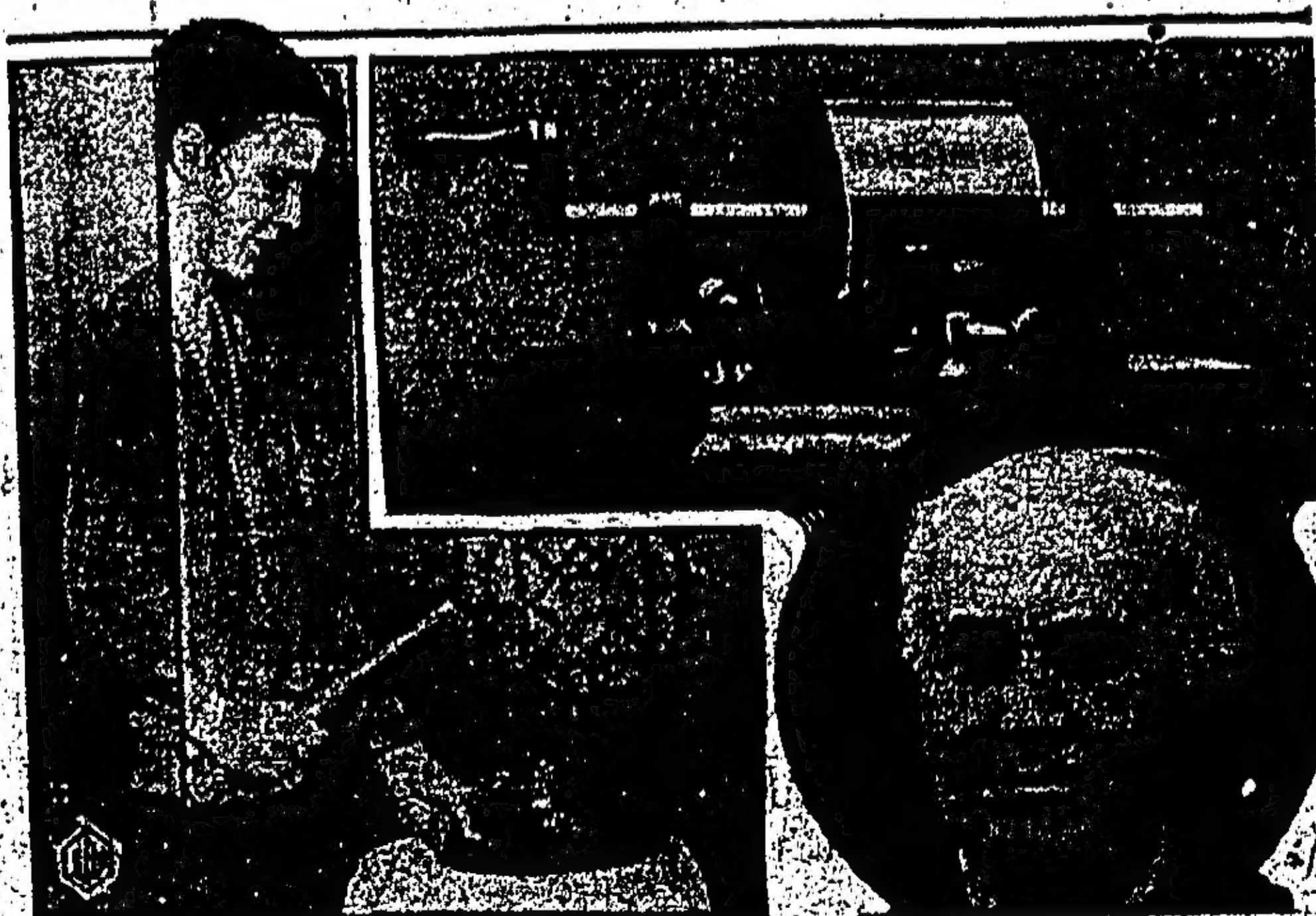
(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plane, and altho.)



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| HORIZONTAL
1-Capital of Italy
5-An ant
10-A small fly
14-Subject of novel by Bulwer-Lytton
15-To bring up
16-Hub of a wheel
17-One of the months
19-Combining form "lung"
21-A wing
22-Humble
23-Conjunction
24-Capital of Egypt
25-To flow back
27-The sun
29-A Japanese general
31-A fault
34-Beverage (pl)
36-Contraction of "had"
37-Model
39-To exist
40-A hypothetical force
41-Give forth rays
43-Personal pronoun
45-Eagle
48-To come into operation
49-Burn
50-Word of assent
51-Ever (post)
52-The buttocks | HORIZONTAL (Cont.)
55-Prefix "with"
57-Scene of massacre in Texas
58-Conflict
61-To hide
64-A compound of carbon
65-Mountains in Russia
67-Nations
69-Academy (abbr.)
70-A table for writing
71-A lock of hair
72-A breed of terriers | VERTICAL (Cont.)
26-Vertical
28-A conspicuous hill
27-A sword
29-A town in S. W. New York
30-Above
32-Lying out flat
33-S. American mountain
35-Steeple
36-Interact (abbr.)
38-Hall
42-Women who watch over girls (Sp.)
43-Eagle's nest
44-Half an cm
45-Threatens
47-Noted village, N. Netherlands
53-To accumulate
54-A rocky pinnacle (Eng.)
55-Wind-blown clouds
56-Of old times
57-Parting to a wing
59-By day
60-Older form of "read"
62-Clerk (abbr.)
63-Dexterity
65-Basso (abbr.)
68-Civil Engineer (abbr.) |
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(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

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Foochow	Tamlog
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CHIANG KAI-SHEK IN SHANGHAI

PRESIDENT TO RETURN TO THE CAPITAL.

INSPECTION OF TROOPS

Shanghai, To-day.
 President Chiang Kai-shek arrived at Shanghai late last night from Hangchow.

Hangchow, Monday.
 President Chiang Kai-shek together with Madame Chiang and Admiral Chen Shao-kuan, arrived at Hangchow yesterday and were entertained by Chairman Chang Ching-kiang of the Chekiang Provincial Government on the same evening. The President will inspect the National troops stationed at Hangchow to-day and participate in the opening ceremony of the National Athletic Meet on April 1.

The Foreign Minister, Dr. C. T. Wang, and the Financial Minister Mr. T. V. Soong, preceded on March 31 to Hangchow to interview the President.

According to a wire received from Admiral Chen Shao-kuan, President Chiang has decided to return to Nanking on April 3.—Canton News Agency.
 [Hangchow, in the Province of Chekiang lies about 100 miles S.W. of Shanghai, to which it is connected by an inland canal. Hangchow was declared open to foreign trade in 1895, in pursuance of the Japanese treaty of Shimonoseki. The cities of Hangchow, Shanghai, and Soochow form the three points of a triangle, each being connected with the other by canal, and trade is now open by steamers between all three under the inland navigation rules.]

AIRMEN FOUND.

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 Now in Safety.

"RATHER WEAK"

Sydney, Yesterday.
 The Airmen Smith and Shiers have been brought to Wyndham by the search party which rescued them yesterday. The airmen are rather weak but should be fit in a few days.—Reuter.

DUTCH AIR LINES

WHY THEY ARE AHEAD OF US.

BRITAIN SLOW. VIEWS OF CHINA MAIL BORNE OUT.

In connection with the leading article on British aviation, which appeared in the China Mail recently, and which provoked bitter criticism, readers will be interested to note how the views we expressed are substantiated by the following, culled from the Allahabad Pioneer:—

Mr. Wedgwood Benn has had a busy time recently replying to the queries of the more air-minded of Members on the subject of aviation in India. In particular, he has had to say something at frequent intervals to satisfy members' curiosity as to how it is that facilities have not yet been afforded by the Government of India to the Dutch Air Lines who are desirous of establishing a regular service between Amsterdam and the East Indies.

Nearly eighteen months ago, the Dutch started a series of experimental flights on this route, and in spite of several mishaps, they proved to their own satisfaction that a service was practicable. Two of those mishaps were due to the state of Indian landing grounds. That, as we have said, was about the end of 1928, and since then the Dutch Air Lines have tried again.

They ran a fortnightly service during the autumn of last year that functioned with remarkable regularity and freedom from accident for about three months. Since then they have stopped, and in the absence of any information to the contrary, it must be presumed that the reason is the withdrawal of permission to use Indian aerodromes by the Indian Government.

No Credit To Us.
 Mr. Benn has stated, on the strength of advice from India, that (Continued at foot of next Column)

WHAT IS NEEDED IN PALESTINE

CLEAR DEFINITION OF THE BRITISH POLICY

TO STAND BY MANDATE

Rugby, Yesterday.
 Commenting on the report of the Palestine Commission the Times says: "To sum up its contents in a phrase the report makes a strong case for the definition of the practical limits of Zionist colonization in Palestine, if it is not to result in a 'Poor Arab' problem, but it also suggests that the first and most obvious duty of mandatory power is to leave no doubt whatever in the mind of either race that this country intends to retain the mandate with which the League of Nations has entrusted it and to maintain law and order throughout the country."

"So long as that is clearly understood there is every thing to be said for a clear re-statement of the terms of the mandate, and of the policy by which it is to be carried out in practice."

Goes To The Roots
 The Daily Telegraph says that the report goes to root of the matter in insisting that what is needed, and without delay as between Jew and Arab, is a statement of policy which shall leave neither community in any doubt as to its position, and its guaranteed rights under the mandate or the Balfour Declaration, or as to the Government's intention to support that policy with all necessary vigour.

The Manchester Guardian says, "The task to which we are committed in Palestine is at best one of the utmost delicacy. It is a problem which we are bound to solve without injustice to the present population. It is in the solution of the economic problem that the hope for Palestine largely lies."

What The Jews Have Done
 Jewish culture and Jewish capital have already done much to improve the condition of the country as, for instance, in the fight against malaria. Gradually by raising the standard of life the Jews may hope to reconcile the Arabs to the experiment. Quite clearly the key to the problems of immigration and land purchases require expert study and control and more detailed examination than they have yet received. Above all, suspicion that the administration can be bullied into concessions or deflected by political cajolery must be banished once for all. In stressing this the Commission have done well.—British Wireless Service.

FAMOUS WRITER ILL.

Mr. W. J. Locke in Critical Condition.

ABDOMINAL OPERATION

Paris, Yesterday.
 The British novelist, Mr. W. J. Locke, has undergone a serious abdominal operation and his condition is critical.—Reuter.

[Mr. Locke, who graduated from Cambridge University with a Mathematical Tripos, is a distinguished architect as well as a popular novelist. Before giving himself wholly to literature, he worked as a schoolmaster in England. Later he went to live in France, where some of his best works have been written. Among his finest achievements are mentioned "The Golden Adventure of Mr. Paradyne," "The Beloved Vagabond," "The Great Pandofo," "The Morals of Marcus," and "The Man From the Sea." Mr. Locke attained his Sixty-seventh birthday on March 20 last.]

the incompleteness of the ground organisation is the hitch. This state of affairs reflects no credit on Britain; the delay in putting up a few wireless stations and completing whatever other arrangements have to be made is surely inordinate.

As Commander Kenworthy has pointed out, the extension of the British India air-mail to Australia is dependent upon the Dutch Government's consent to the proposed route. It is a matter of some importance that the British Government should be in a position to secure the necessary facilities for the extension of the service.

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